

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

July 10, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 18:07 by treasurer, Charles Lamoure. Board members in attendance were Richard Natelson, secretary, and Wade Ayada. James Crawford, Vice Chairman, was present by telephone.

Other people in attendance were James Carroll, Tim Vernell, from Gem Air, Jim Miteski, Jim Palukas, Lenny Skunberg and Lynn Bowerman..

Charles asked for a motion to approve the June minutes. The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Wade. The motion passed unanimously.

Fuel and facilities report

James stated that there are approximately 9801 gallons of Jet A to sell and 5845 gallons of Avgas. Rob told James last week that the Airport is planning to split a load of Avgas with Middle Fork Aviation. He did not know when that would occur.

The tractor is down. The drive shaft on the mowing deck broke. It was taken to a repair shop. The PTO to the mowing deck snapped. The airport needs to get a new headlight for the courtesy van. The people gate at McCall Air and at Gem Air may need new springs. The gate will not close by itself.

He spoke with the Axiom general contractor on Friday and asked him to put their equipment in the area that was assigned to them by the Board. The material has been removed however he is a little concerned that some of the trash may wind up around airplanes.

Rich asked whether James received the materials to fix the gate. James's stated that he did not receive material to fix the gate but only to fix the static reel. James stated that the locksmith fixed the gate.

Jim stated that Jeff Burch, a contractor, will be putting the springs on the man gates.

Financial report

Charles stated that he did have a meeting with Teresa and the County and went over the end of the year budget. The Commissioners had a few concerns with the Airport budget. They were not anticipating any profit margin on fuel. They also talked over going over the budget for next year. Charles stated that the Board is on good standing with them.

For the year, the Airport is 83% through the year. Overall, the Board has only spent 44.8 percent of the allotted budget. The Airport income is at 84%. Fuel sales for jet have been greater than expected, however most of that fuel was purchased by Gem Air at the discounted rate so the profit was not as great. Rich asked if any bigger planes have been coming in. James stated that a falcon 900 came in. He states occasionally a King air will come in but there really has not been an increase in larger aircraft.

Commissioner Update

Jim stated that he has not been to a Commissioners' meeting. He plans to go to the next meeting to tell the County Commissioners about the good work that has been done at the Leadore airport.

Charles stated that concerning the Leadore airport in the FAA circular, the width of the runways will be decreased so that it will be easier to maintain the runways. Charles also stated that the crosswind runway (16-34) has now been reopened.

Public Comments:

Tim Vernell asked about the asphalt shavings for the walkway in the front of the parking lot. He would like a formal process what needs to occur when Gem Air takes fuel with Prist. This way he can let all of the staff know.

He states that one of their pilots was asked to perform an intersection take off due to mowing. He does not feel this is right. The pilots do have right of way.

Tim stated further that the Board might want to consider marking the run up area so that Jame's shed does not get blasted by the wind. Discussion ensued.

Jim Miteski wanted to thank all of those people, including Dahle construction who helped with the Leadore fly-in. He stated that there were 35 volunteers for that one day of the fly-in.

Leadore Airport

Charles stated that the airport did have they fun day and it was a great turnout. The County Commissioners gave the Airport Board a budget and Ray's heating got the rotating beacon going. The lighting on one side of the runway is fully functional and it is known what the problem with the other side is.

Markings for the runways were placed and they are permanent. 10 x 20 foot "L"s were placed at the end of each runway. They are made of concrete and are painted white. An "H" was also painted on the helipad. A segmented circle was also placed around the windsock.

450 pounds of seed was given to the airport. It came from a private donor via the Idaho Aircraft Association. It needs to be seeded with a no-till drill in late November.

Jim Miteski stated that the cross wind runway needs to be over seeded. The main runway also needs to be partially seeded. He also stated that it would be nice to have a porta potty at the airport. Charles stated that he talked with Dean who spoke with the State and they stated that they should be able to find funding for that.

AIRPORT GATES

Charles stated that he knows the bid on the gates has been accepted. Ray's Heating got the bid. They are presently going through the paperwork. At least eighty percent of the project has to be made in America.

Sale of Hangar.

Ken Len sold his hangar.. The new buyer is David Reeves. He knows he has to have a new lease, provide insurance, and present a bill of sale. It is not known whether he has complied as of yet.

A motion to table the approval of a lease was made by Rich. It was seconded by Jim. The motion passed unanimously.

Gem Air Parking

Rich clarified what this topic was concerning: Gem Air requested that the transient parking should occur toward the south end of the field so that spaces in front of Gem Air could be used by them. It was discussed that this was not possible because Gem Air did not lease any spot from the Airport and that transient aircraft, therefore, could park wherever they wanted.

It was felt that this matter could be resolved by each FBO leasing tie down spots.

Charles also added that it also may be an issue with safety being that the areas in front of Gem Air are very busy during the summer. Discussion ensued. Charles felt that perhaps a sign could be made suggesting where transient pilots could park.

James has heard pilots complain that Gem Air monopolizes all the spots in front and on the side. Jim stated that they can be very busy and will use a lot of spots.

Rich asked if Gem Air was interested in purchasing spots. Tim stated that they may be interested in the 5 spots in front where a plane can pull through. Further discussion ensued. It was suggested that something to this effect be placed in the Airport Supplement Directory.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Rich stated that it is nice the County has helped with Leadore airport.

Charles stated that the mowing at that airport will be carried out by a private enterprise now that there will be money allocated in the future. It would be performed twice a year.

Rich asked if people were satisfied with the repairs of the car parking lot. It was felt that the work was not finished. Charles has not seen a bill. He stated that he would contact Down to Earth.

In the meeting Charles had had with the County, the Commercial Operator's Agreement was brought up. Lenny and Dave Shallow have returned their signed agreements. The Flying B and Gem Air are in the process. One of the concerns mentioned was the other outside FBO's that may operate on our field are not paying at this Airport.

Rich felt that this was discussed in the past and nothing was resolved.

Charles spoke with Tammy from the Flying B about parking by their hangar. In the past, Flying B paid on this area. It is reportedly not in their lease agreement nor have they paid on it in the last 3 or 4 years. Jim stated that he will meet with Tammy when he returns to discuss this.

Charles asked whether Flying B has the intention to build a hangar in that location and they stated they don't plan to.

Rich stated that this once again brings up the issue as to whether leasees should be paying on the square footage of the hangar or actually should be paying on the square footage of the lot. The idea of charging a landing fee for planes heavier than 12,500 lbs was briefly mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 19:10h

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