

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

December 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Vice Chairman, Jim Crawford. Other members in attendance were secretary, Richard Natelson, Charles LaMoure, treasurer, Wada Ayada and Jim Mateski. Dean Shiner was present by telephone. Michael Lane, who was just appointed by the County Commissioners was also present.

Other people in attendance were James Carroll, Tim Vernell and T.J. Parks from Gem Air, Lenny Skunberg, and Lynn Bowerman.

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

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Fuel and facilities report

James stated that there are approximately 2400 gallons of Jet A to sell and 8200 gallons of Avgas. He stated that in order to perform fuel checks there needs to be approximately 1200 gallons of Jet A available.

He used the snow removal plan and it seemed to work well. The snow plow truck had a low battery but they got it going. The idea of obtaining a battery charger was discussed. James would also like to give Airport keys to the new office holders.

On the 5th, Gem Air obtained 7000 gallons of Jet A.

Rich asked if all the cameras were working. James stated that the cameras were working but one was showing an old image. Jim recommended that James speak with Clint and if he is not able to help, then Computer Zen can be called. Jim Mateski stated that also the times are off on the cameras.

Charles stated that the Airport is paying more for fuel wholesale than Gem Air is. Rich asked whether the cheaper fuel was branded or not. Discussion ensued. Rich stated that the Board used to get special service for the increased price. Charles stated that he will look into it.

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Financial report

Charles stated that all the bills were paid. Year to date the Airport has spent just under 52,000. The Airport took in \$62,000. We are within budget.

Public Input:

Tim from Gem Air stated that all of Gem Air's parking space were not plowed. He thought that the spaces would be plowed due to the commuter and the second airplane being run on UPS. James stated that the UPS spot by the maintenance hangar was the only concession that T. J. from Gem Air asked for. He stated that he was not able to get all areas plowed because he went home sick.

Charles stated that he did go to the County Commissioners' meeting that morning and he stressed to them the importance of having the Airport cleared of snow and that the Board does not have the manpower to perform all of the plowing. Discussion ensued.

Charles also stated that there were a few deer on the Airport by the helibase. Lenny stated that they get in through the irrigation ditches that are empty this time of year. Charles stated that he will speak with Fish and Game to see what the Board's options are.

OLD BUSINESS

Airport Website

Clint Morse has not been given the information as of yet concerning the website. Charles informed the Board that all the Board members have been added to the list of people who can contact the FAA in order to issue a NOTAM both for KSMN and Leadore.

E Mail Discussion

Rich asked the Board whether each member wants to use his own personal e mail or use the web e mails that Rob Schick had set up. Advantages and disadvantages of each were discussed. Members will decide what they would like to do.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport Board Elections

Jim asked for a motion to open up the nominations for Chairman. Rich made the motion to open up the nominations for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Wade. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Mateski nominated Charles for Chairman. Charles accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Wade made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Jim M. The motion passed unanimously. The members voted unanimously for Charles to be the new Chairman.

Jim asked for a motion to open up the nominations for Vice Chairman. Charles made the motion to open up the nominations for Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Wade. The motion passed unanimously. Charles nominated Rich for Vice Chairman. Rich accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Jim M. made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Wade. The motion passed unanimously. The members voted unanimously for Rich to be the new Vice Chairman.

Jim asked for a motion to open up the nominations for Treasurer. Charles made the motion to open up the nominations for Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Wade. The motion passed unanimously. Charles nominated Michael Lane for Treasurer. Michael accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Charles made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Jim M. The motion passed unanimously. The members voted unanimously for Michael Lane to be the new Treasurer.

Jim asked for a motion to open up the nominations for Secretary. Wade made the motion to open up the nominations for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Charles. The motion passed unanimously. Wade nominated Jim Mateski for Secretary. Jim accepted the nomination. Charles made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Wade. The motion passed unanimously. The members voted unanimously for Jim Mateski to be the new Secretary.

Closing Comments:

Charles stated that Air Methods contacted him a while ago about having a designated parking spot for the helicopter. Rich stated that this was discussed previously with Air Methods and they were supposed to present a proposal which did not occur. They are once again interested in moving forward. Alex Argota, a pilot for Air Methods was present. Alex stated that in the future they will also have their own snow plow. They also were interested in obtaining a discount fuel card if possible. These issues can be discussed at the next meeting.

Rich stated that he would like to thank Jim Crawford for all his years of service on the Board. He has done a good job.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:56h.