

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

July 8, 2024

Chairman Charles LaMoure called the meeting to order at 18:06. Other members in attendance were Vice Chairman Richard Natelson, Secretary Jim Mateski, and Wade Ayala was on the telephone. Other people in attendance were Tim Vennell, Jim Paulekas and Commissioner Lynn Bowerman.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes. The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Jim. The motion was passed unanimously.

Fuel and Facilities report

Jim reported that we have 7,373 gallons of Avgas and 11,613 gallons of Jet A available. Charles stated that he would order another 8,000 gal load of Avgas. We were incorrectly charged for the last load we received and the charges have been corrected.

Charles reported that we had 2 deer disposed of on the site under a Fish and Game permit. The meat was donated.

Information was shared about our fuel dispensers that have been inoperable. Mascott Equipment is finally responding to our requests for sending a repair technician. We are waiting for a firm date.

Jim reported that Flo from Idaho Division of Aeronautics inspected KSMN on June 20th. He was very thorough and will be sending us his report. He also left us with a few lighting parts and a new windsock. Jeff and Monte have installed the windsock and repaired the windsock lighting.

Jim reported that Flo called him from Leadore (U00) on June 21st. He had said that the facility had improved from previous inspections. He suggested moving a pile of debris the Forest Service had piled near the approach end of runway 16 last year. He also left us a new windsock to install.

Jim reported that he had a small work party at Leadore on June 29th. The windsock segmented circle was finished by adding orange markers between the white ones. Local volunteers did the painting. The pile of debris near 16 was moved as requested.

Financial report

Charles reported that we are 63% through our fiscal year and have spent 20% of our budget. All line items are within budget. Our 2025 budget was presented and accepted by the County Commissioners to be ratified the end of August.

Public input

Tim Vennell commented that Gem Air was working well with Monte. He also reported that we had a dent in the NW fence next to Hoffmans field that could possibly be letting deer in. He also requested that we stay aware that the cold mix sidewalk needs attention. Tim also reported that McCall Air had closed up and that he was checking the Pilot Lounge and removing garbage and such.

Old Business

Jim reported that the Leadore 4th of July fly-in was appreciated. We had 10 aircraft including Dave Shallow's Waco Biplane and Air Methods Helicopter which drew a lot of attention from the public.

Charles reported that he had no Commissioner's update.

Utility relocation project

Charles reported that he was supposed to receive the (slow in coming) 60% plan tomorrow from Ardurra.

SRE building

Charles reported that the purchase of the South hangar was not going through. He said he had contacted the FISDO in Helena and that the FAA money would be rolled over into next year. Charles clarified that originally the FAA was going provide the money to purchase the snow plow for us which required that we build a SRE (snow removal equipment building) to house it. Since we ended up buying the snowplow truck with a grant from the State, the priority is not as high.

Gate project

Charles reported the new gate is functional and will be open when final patching is done next to the road.

A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting with Ardurra and the public participating was scheduled for July 24th, 6PM. The purpose of the meeting is to share ideas of what projects to consider for the next 10 years and assign priorities. Rich will run the meeting.

Charles reported that applications have been received for 5 of the 9 new hangar spots.

New Business

Charles suggested that we should consider action requiring a time limit of 2 years to start construction of new hangars and completion within 3 years.

Discussion ensued around when leases should start, who pays and when surveys are required.

Closing Comments

Jim reported on the website and email transfer process, witch is frustrating but making progress.

Jim reported Leadore had been mowed before the 4th and looked good.

Charles explained how a vault toilet for Leadore would be paid for and the time table.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:54