

MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Warren Bauer, Ted Thompson, Skip Sobien, Tim Healy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Hibbard, AJ Lewis, Bill Best

REPRESENTATIVES: Public Works Director Rich Urquidi; Toby Epler – JUB Engineers, Inc.

GUESTS:

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Skip Sobien made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting. Ted Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

Instrument Approach Procedure Changes

No update. Carry forward.

Replacement of Terminal Building

No update. Carry forward.

Airport Drainage

Ted said that the water hasn't been too bad this year until this past week and even then, it wasn't that bad except for a couple of places between the hangars. Carry forward.

ADA Improvements

No update. Carry forward.

Airport License

Rich had the City Clerk send a letter to Alpine Aviation reference their licensing and he has not heard the outcome yet. Carry forward.

FAA Funding and Projects

JUB is finalizing the design of the PAPIs and REIL replacement and it will be bid in April. FAA doesn't have full authorization, so grants will likely be late again. JUB is planning on September as a construction window. It will be a nighttime construction and will be completed in three or four weeks. Toby will keep Ted updated as Ted will need to release a NOTAM 30 days in advance. Carry forward.

Above Ground Fuel Storage

Ted said they are moving forward and working on the lease. Ted would like to have it in place and ready to go by the fire season. Ted is still planning to put it in the grass between the current power distribution and the fence.

Rich thanked the committee for attending the city council meeting in support Ted and the airport plan. Carry forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect 2019 Chairman

Warren nominated Bill Best for 2019 chairman. Ted seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Ted received an email from the Idaho Airport Manager's Management Association regarding a new bill in the state legislature about zoning. They want to do away with the restrictions of zoning that have been in place since 1975 that prevents counties from building up and around airports. The bill allows county governments to opt out of comprehensive planning and/or establishing zoning codes. Ted recommends that city officials contact their representatives and express their concerns on this matter. Rich asked Ted to forward the email to him.

The Glens Ferry mayor and the Economic Development coordinator visited Ted wanting to know what he is doing to make the airport so successful. They have just recently voted to rehab their runway and wanted to know what else they could do to make more successful and get a full-time fuel service airport manager.


Ted told Rich that the gates are not working. The one closest to the highway is overextended and not working at all. The fuel supplier backed over the keypad for the runway gate, so it isn't working either. Ted said they should look at a way to protect the keypad better as it has been an accident waiting to happen. He suggested either installing bollards on each side or relocating it closer to the mailboxes.

Ted said the maintenance apprenticeship program that was in his presentation to council is moving very quickly. The FAA spoke with Ted and they are very interested in it. Ted wanted to make sure that we had the qualifications necessary to move forward. The base also spoke with Ted and they are interested as well. There is potential for bringing people in from the Spokane/Tacoma/Fairchild corridor. Those people are going out around the country looking for apprenticeship programs, so the potential is vast. The base also mentioned Idaho State, but also said that they weren't too interested in military personnel. Ted had met the Idaho State representative at the career fair at the high school and she put him in contact with the gentleman that runs their program and he is very excited and asked what he can do to help us to get it started. Ted said that he had heard from him about 15 minutes after he sent his initial email. That was followed by a telephone call the next morning from the department chair at the technology school at Idaho State asking again what they could do to help. Ted said at this point he just needed advice, but if he could contact the base to work out how they could do the academic portion that would be helpful. The potential for growth is there and that would bring people to Mountain Home for a couple weeks at a time, maybe even a couple of months depending on what they arrange with their employers. There is no aircraft maintenance training here in the largest population base of the state and Idaho State is limited in what they can do in their program because they can only accept 25 a year. This apprenticeship program would be a way to increase aircraft maintenance personnel in this area at a very low cost. Ted is very excited by the excitement everyone else has shown over the program.

Rich passed out save the date fliers to the members asking them to complete the 2019 Mountain Home Comprehensive Plan Survey beginning February 25th.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Skip Sobien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Healy seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 19, 2019 MEETING

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