

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Administrative Office Building
Virginia City, MT
March 9, 2020

Attendees: Tom Miller, Peter Fitzgerald, Beau Bradley, Tyler Holland, Jim Frey and Scott Payne, and John Hauck

Absentees:

Commissioners: Jim Hart, Ron Nye

Secretary: Jani Flinn

Visitors: Lance Bowser and Will, Robert Peccia & Associates, Troy Hunter, Choice Aviation

The Airport Board meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Miller.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Peter Fitzgerald moved to approve the 1/21/19 meeting minutes as submitted. Tyler Holland seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Report Twin Bridges Airport: Beau reported that the AWOS is working great and they have received training on it. Lance asked him to check the ceilometer and monitor that. The new fire suppression unit has arrived and is being tested. So far Beau is impressed with the unit and they are working out a way to transport it easier. The Twin Bridges Volunteer Fire Department will be scheduling a training.

Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: See attached report from Choice Aviation. Graham Drilling will be at the airport tomorrow to determine a site and time to drill a well by the SRE building. Minor runway light bulb replacement, questions on closure notices, and discussion on broom truck. Lance warned Troy about using the current brush, that it will be abrasive to the paint and asphalt. Troy will look into other options. FBO Report includes 160 operations, 6 rental cars, 4 hotel rooms, and 1 catering order, with 2,741 gallons of jet fuel used and 433 gallons of Avgas.

Update on Well at Ennis Airport: Troy will meet the contractor at the site tomorrow to determine the best location to drill by the SRE Building. Lance is assisting with location and indicated that it looks like it will be 200 feet away from the proposed septic system. Electric will be close for the pump.

Residential Through the Fence Agreement, Ennis Airport: After review, Beau Bradley moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioner to approve and sign the Residential Through the Fence Agreement submitted by David Stemsta, for Lot 15-B in Shining Mountains Airpark. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

SRE Building Contractor Updates: Lance reported that the contractor is on site and has been working since Tuesday, March 3rd. They are completing the electrical in order to get heat and power to the building, then will re-cover all exterior Tyvek and get siding and roof on. Contract is for 66 days, but they will be done before that. Madison County has received reimbursement in full from the bonding company and vendor claims were paid by Madison County.

Bids for 2020 Ennis expansion project, \$14 million: Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates, handed out a Bid Recap and cost sheet for review, and pointed out a bid irregularity. After discussion, Beau Bradley moved to waive the 5% mobilization bid irregularity. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Robert Peccia & Associates Project Updates: The Board reviewed the attached RPA Airport Board Meeting Notes. Topics discussed included:

- **AIP-020-2018: SRE/ARFF Building.** AV Construction started work March 3, 2020, with a contract term of 66 days. Interior electric, and exterior finish are primary.
- **Land Acquisition:** Janura is still scheduled to close. Lance is working with DNRC on the State Land Easement charge. The Longhorn Ranch perpetual Easement for Airspace grading is on-going, subject to determination of Conservation Easement requirements and a fee of \$113,250.00 John Houck moved to approve the fee. Jin Frey seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried..
- **AIP 21-2020:** SK Construction/Riverside are working together and ready to start earthwork. Several DBE contractors are included in the contract. After review of bids, Peter Fitzgerald moved to make a recommendation to the Commissioners to accept the bid from SK Construction with Alternate 3, 4, 5, and 6 included subject to FAA funding or non-FAA funding. John Hauck seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- **Twin Bridges:** 012-2017 Master Plan. ALP is done and final master plan should be soon. Ready to close out.
- **Twin Bridges AWOS.** AWOS is up and operating. Published on 3/26. Still waiting on commissioning.
- Beau reported that the new fire suppression unit has been received and training will be set up. This unit will be shared by the Twin Bridges Fire Department and Madison County and stored at the Twin Bridges Airport.

Other Business:

- The Board discussed planning for a Grand Opening event at the Ennis Airport following completion of construction this fall. Troy Hunter, Lance Bowser, Jim Hart, and Tom Miller will be on the committee.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Tom Miller, Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City.