

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Madison County Administrative Office Building
Public Meeting Room
March 11, 2019

Attendees: Tom Miller, John Hauck, Beau Bradley, Scott Payne, Peter Fitzgerald (via telephone), Tyler Holland

Absentees: Jim Frey

Commissioners: Ron Nye, Dan Allhands, Jim Hart

Secretary: Jani Flinn

Visitors: Troy Hunter and Joel Simmons, Choice Aviation, Lance Bowser, RPA

The Airport Board meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Miller. Peter Fitzgerald called in to participate in the meeting at 5:15.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Beau Bradley moved to approve the 12/10/18 meeting minutes as presented. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Report Twin Bridges Airport: Beau reported that snow plowing is a big issue for them right now. They are definitely ready for a new piece of equipment. Lance confirmed that Twin Bridges is eligible for one piece of equipment and a bigger plow would be allowed. This is already on the Capital Improvement Plan but is subject to apportionment. Jim Hart mentioned that he is going to replace a snow plow in his road district and might give the old one to the Airport. Beau also mentioned that there will be a Rotary-sponsored open house at their facility on April 3rd at 6 p.m.

Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: See attached report from Choice Aviation. More PAPI repairs, Beacon Bulb replaced, repaired the airport entrance sign from wind damage, replaced the cutting edge on the pickup plow and minor repairs. The new snow plow has a weld fail and will need to be returned to Kois for repair. They will pay labor if we take it to Great Falls and pay for parts. FBO Report includes 87 operations, 8 rental cars, 11 hotel rooms, and 3 catering orders, with 5,628 gallons of jet fuel used. Troy presented a chart showing fuel sold from 2010 through 2018.

Election of Officers: John Hauck moved to elect Tom Miller as Chairman and Beau Bradley as Vice Chairman. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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

- Environmental Assessment. Still waiting on final approval from Regional Review, then public hearing and comment period to final.
- AIP-021-2019, south apron and connecting taxiway waiting on Environmental Assessment approval.
- SRE/ARFF Building: Optional Bathroom Additive was discussed for the building. Beau Bradley moved to make a recommendation to the Commissioners to approve adding a bathroom to the building. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the

motion carried. Concrete sealant for the floors was also discussed. This topic will be continued.

- Land Acquisition: Environmental Assessment must be completed prior to reimbursement. State Land parcel in process, Tract 4A, no progress, and Tract 4B is in negotiation. After discussion, John Hauck moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to make a good faith offer to the owners of Lot 4B in the amount of \$76,800.00. Scott Payne seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- Twin Bridges is looking good for 100% runway funding, Master Plan update still pending, Taxiway construction is 99% complete. AWOS III is definitely needed. Will wait to hear from FAA.

Water Well Evaluation from Scott Payne: Scott reviewed the report and recommended the Airport either go deeper or go with the cisterns for water storage. The Board discussed the existing well and the problems they are having. Troy will contact Graham drilling to have them look at the existing well to see what can be done, and report to the Board at the next meeting. There was much discussion on who needs access to a well, public water supplies, drilling a well specifically for fire suppression, etc.

Peter Fitzgerald left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Solar Farm AAA Permit discussion: The Board reviewed final communication from the Planning Director on the status of the solar farm review. All FAA requirements have been met. After discussion, John Hauck made a motion to ask the Planning Director to get input from the Airport Board prior to approving any new Airport Affected Area Permits. Scott Payne seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Propane tanks for hangars: Scott Payne asked for a variance on burying his propane tank. The Board discussed regulations and Beau Bradley moved to not approve a variance. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 voting in favor and Scott abstaining.

New cell tower in Twin Bridges: After discussion, the Board asked that a recommendation be made to the Planning Director that they have a strong objection to any cell towers and request to review prior to any Airport Affected Area permit approval.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Tom Miller, Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary