

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 21, 2018, Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, a teleconference between the Board of Madison County Commissioners and the FAA came to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Ron Nye, Jim Hart, and Dan Allhands present. Jani Flinn, Clerk, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Joe Brummell, Department of Emergency Services, and Scott McClintic, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department. Participating via telephone were Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates, and on behalf of the Federal Aviation Administration were Chuck Garrison, Helena ADP Manager, Joe Nye, Airport Engineer, Roxanne Trotta, Airport Engineer, Diane Stilson, Environmental Engineer, and Scott Eaton, Airport Planner.

Discussion included the following:

Ron Nye, Chairman, welcomed all attendees and introductions were made. Lance gave a brief review of the concerns to be discussed, and invited the FAA representatives to begin discussion on the following.

1. SRE/ARFF Building (Snow Removal Equipment/Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting): Status of Grant submitted for Ennis/Big Sky Airport. Discussion included the ARFF regulations with the FAA that need to be addressed before funding can be granted, if the FAA would fund the ARFF portion, how many bays are needed, general aviation requirements, and the need for additional documentation before the project can proceed. Lance has already conducted pre-design meetings and discussions, and was concerned at the delay in timing for the project after funds had been committed. After hearing from all parties, it was agreed that Lance will assist Madison County in preparing a written response to document the continually increasing air traffic and limited fire rescue capabilities at the Ennis Airport. The Madison County DES department and Madison Valley Rural Fire Department will contribute response time and vehicle needs. Dan Allhands commented on the need to prioritize safety instead of SRE storage and questioned the FAA policies for general aviation airports vs. commercial service airports. Lance will include that in his draft letter.

The Board discussed the south apron and partial parallel taxiway for Ennis. This project is contingent upon the Master Plan, which depends on the Environmental Assessment and will likely be postponed until next year. Lance inquired about a late season grant availability. Scott indicated that he would pencil it in for funding. The Environmental Assessment has an unknown time frame. Diane listed items left to complete including Tribe comments, determination letter to SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office), noise, and public comments. They estimated first week of September to have the grant out the door.

2. Twin Bridges Airport Taxiway widening: Status of grant submitted. Discussion included the four-year old paving, status of flights not landing in Twin Bridges because of width, instrument landing capabilities, and the need for more historical flight data. Lance will work with Scott to write a little more background on the airport usage, identify potential users, and needs.

After discussion ended with the FAA, Lance and the Commissioners continued the meeting with Lance to discuss the following:

3. Review and Approve Pay Request #1, SRE Building. The Board and Lance agreed to hold this invoice until more information is received.

4 Review and approve Pay Request #2, Environmental Assessment. After review, Jim Hart moved to approve Pay Request #2, AIP 019-2017, Environmental Assessment, in the amount of \$16,452.50. Dan Allhands seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Ronald E. Nye, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: April 17, 2018

Minutes prepared by:

Attest:

Jani Flinn, Clerk
Madison County

Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder,