

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Administrative Office Building
Virginia City, MT
April 13, 2020

Attendees: Tom Miller, Peter Fitzgerald, Beau Bradley, Jim Frey, and John Hauck

Absentees: Tyler Holland and Scott Payne

Commissioners: Jim Hart, Ron Nye

Secretary: Jani Flinn

Visitors: Lance Bowser, Rick Donaldson, and Will Senecal, Robert Peccia & Associates; Troy Hunter and Joel Simmons, Choice Aviation

The Airport Board meeting was held via Teleconference. Board Chairman, Tom Miller, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Jim Frey moved to approve the 3/9/20 meeting minutes as submitted. John Hauck seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Report Twin Bridges Airport: Beau reported that there is nothing new to report for Twin Bridges. They currently have only one hangar available.

Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: See attached report from Choice Aviation. Troy reported that the new well is complete – over 266 gal./minute according to the driller. Airport users have been contacted about the construction timeline, and only 3 aircraft are remaining on site. Repairs to AWOS completed, closure NOTAM is in place, and misc. repairs were completed on site. FBO Report includes 110 operations, 5 rental cars, 2 hotel rooms, and 2 catering orders, with 3,190 gallons of jet fuel used and 395.6 gallons of Avgas. Troy also discussed interest in a first hangar lease on Delta.

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

- **AIP-020-2018: SRE/ARFF Building.** Construction progress is good. Small change order agreed to by bonding company, exterior siding is progressing, roof almost done, and interior finish going well.
- **Land Acquisition:** The Longhorn Ranch Easement is still in coordination with Montana Land Reliance for Conservation Easement requirements and there is a question on the gravel. Beau Bradley moved to pay the additional charge of approximately \$10,000, if necessary. Jim Frey seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. A Construction Easement is also needed from Tom Miller on his hanger lot.
- **AIP 21-2020:** SK Construction/Riverside is starting the milling this week. All workers and equipment are on site.
- **CARES Act funding:** Lance explained the CARES Act stimulus funding recently announced to be used for operating funds reimbursement to owners. Notifications should be received soon.
- **AIP 22-2020:** Lance has a conference call to get an update on the 9.3 million stimulus grant.

- **Twin Bridges:** 012-2017 Master Plan. Still pending. AWOS is commissioned – published on chart cycle but not on 5010. FAA has questions on whether Twin Bridges can use the new identifier TWN. Lance is working on it. The Board discussed the importance of Twin Bridges runway widening and Lance will keep searching for possible stimulus funding and 90/10 FAA grants for 2022 or beyond.

Land Acquisition – Terminal Area Expansions: The Board discussed several options for additional land acquisition and the need to plan for it in the budget.

Hangar Access Taxi lane Construction (Group C-III Aircraft): The Board discussed the need to plan for C-III Taxi lane and hangar space. Lance indicated a taxi lane would be eligible in two years and the Board agreed to discuss further at the June meeting.

Update on Well at Ennis Airport and discussion on drilling another: Tom Miller discussed options on adding a 12” well at the Ennis Airport at a preliminary price estimate of \$144,000. The 6” well has been drilled and SK Construction will use it during construction. They will bring in temporary power and provide a pump and keep it operational for now. Discussion included budget priorities since the well is not reimbursable by FAA, land acquisition needs, engineering requirements, supplying water to specific hangars and the SRE building, and the need to provide water for fire suppression. Beau expressed concerns that land should be our priority and not the need for hydrants and water lines and another well. After lengthy discussion, John Hauck moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to move forward with drilling a 12” well and put it out to bid. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. John H., Jim F., Peter F., and Tom M. voted aye. Beau B. voted no. The motion passed.

Other Business:

- The Board agreed that planning for a Grand Opening event at the Ennis Airport following completion of construction this fall will be put on hold for now.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 6:40 p.m.

Tom Miller, Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ennis Big Sky Airport.