

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Ennis Big Sky Airport
Ennis, MT

August 10, 2020

Attendees: Tom Miller, John Hauck, Jim Frey, and Scott Payne. Tyler Holland and Peter Fitzgerald participated via phone.

Absentees: Beau Bradley

Commissioners: Ron Nye

Secretary: Jani Flinn

Visitors: Lance Bowser and Will Senecal, Robert Peccia & Associates; Troy Hunter, Choice Aviation, Chris Murphy, realtor, Verne Brown, property owner, and Mr. & Mrs. Stamsta, property owners.

Board Chairman, Tom Miller, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Peter Fitzgerald moved to approve the 7/13/20 meeting minutes as submitted. John Hauck seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Report Twin Bridges Airport: The Airport has been busy because of the fire with up to five helicopters and associated personnel on site. Signed Use Agreement with DNRC. Good regular traffic.

Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: See attached report from Choice Aviation. Troy reported they are still fielding calls on the airport construction project. Weed spraying and trimming are complete. Completed SRE walk-through and are getting the snowplow ready for use and identifying leaks. Need a new monitor for the AWOS – want speakers. FBO Report shows no activity due to airport shutdown during construction, although they have had 8 or 9 helicopters landing for search & rescue operations.

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

- **AIP 020-2018: SRE/ARFF Building.** Still having issues with the door seals and heaters.
- **AIP 21-2020 and AIP 22-2020:** 90% excavation complete, then topsoil & seed. Papi, electric, NW Energy, then start paving on 11th. Papi – add 2 to system, relocate AWOS and add lighting. Still working towards September 28th opening.
- **Land Acquisition:** Still working on reimbursement.
- **Matson:** Received Authorization to fill pit.
- **Twin Bridges:** 012-2017 Master Plan ready to send to FAA for review. Airport Layout Plan sent to FAA for review. FAA has approved request to use RVA, and we will apply to change the name to Ruby Valley Airfield, hopefully by year-end.

Verne Brown: Gate and taxiway: Verne is concerned about the swell and gate size for through the fence access. The hillside and slope is 8.7% no change per FAA. There is a 60' easement and only a 40' gate is planned. Lance reminded the Board that the decision was to

put in "like for like". If there is no gate, then none will be included in the fencing plan. Owner would have to pay the difference. According to FAA regs., the County cannot pay for through the fence access costs. Lance will get the cost of 48' gates to figure the difference.

Fire Suppression Well update: None.

Other Business: Chris Murphy, Realtor, has a client that is interested in assuming the Spencer hangar lease, parcel C-6. The Board discussed, John Hauck moved to allow Spencer to cancel their existing hangar lease and have the new owner submit a new Avigational Lease Agreement for a twenty-year term with the option of renewing for another twenty-year term. Scott Payne seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ennis Big Sky Airport.