

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Ennis Big Sky Airport
August 13, 2018

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

Absentees: Scott Payne, Ernest Bock,

Commissioners: Ron Nye

Secretary: Jani Flinn

Visitors: Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates, Joe Nye, FAA, and Troy Hunter, Choice Aviation.

The Airport Board meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Miller. Tom welcomed Joe Nye, our project manager at the Federal Aviation Administration, who made a special trip from Helena to introduce himself and participate in discussion on the status of our continuing projects at both Ennis and Twin Bridges.

Public Comment: Peter Fitzgerald gave an update on the Monument fire and the Wigwam fire in Madison County that is affecting homeowners in the area. A Stage II Team is coming in from out of state and will be staying at the rodeo grounds in Ennis. So far everything is going well and no further evacuations are being planned.

Approval of Minutes: Beau Bradley moved to approve the 7/9/18 meeting minutes as presented. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Report Twin Bridges Airport: See attached report from Ruby Valley Aviation. Weeds are still an issue and they are waiting on Madison County Weed crew to spray. The picnic area is almost done. Operations for July include 187 operations; 12 jets, 4 twin, 22 turbo prop, 14 helicopter, and 135 single. Gas reported was 2463 Jet A, and 1902.9 Av Gas. They are continuing to see increases in use and Beau reported that a Citation 10 came in.

Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: See attached report from Choice Aviation. I-State Truck Center/Kois Bros. still have not fixed the hydraulic leak on the new snow plow. Lance will contact them to talk about default bonds if they cannot complete the work. A new sign has been ordered from Signs West for the entry, and they have had several inquiries about larger hangars. The Air Show went well with an estimated 1500 people participating. Also the Ninety-nines came in and completed air-marking on the taxi lanes – a Big Thank You!! FBO report includes 425 operations.

Robert Peccia/ & Associates Project Updates:

- **Ennis Master Plan Update:** Amended Airport Layout Plans have been signed and approved by the FAA. Project closeout is in process and the remaining 2.5% needs to be reimbursed.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Waiting on FAA Regional review.
- **SRE/ARFF Building:** Still waiting on decision from FAA Headquarters. State apportionment money still being held, and Lance is working with the engineers and feels we need to consider a wood frame building as it is easier to get contractors. He estimates 2.5 weeks for design, then advertise and bid before the end of September for FAA year end.

- **Land Acquisitions:** Tract 4B, Matson property was discussed and Tom had met with the owners. After the Board discussed options, Beau Bradley moved to begin the appraisal process to determine value before we can move forward. John Hauck seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Tract 4A is still on hold. State Land acquisition is still in process.
- **South Apron/Partial Parallel/Taxilane Extension:** Environmental Assessment must be completed prior to design. The Board suggested RPA should look into starting Phase I design on the runway by using Omnibus Funding which can be applied for by November. Lance will look into that and get back to the Board.
- **Non-Project Related Items:** The Board discussed moving the self-serve fuel system, relocating the vault toilet, FAA eligibility, and water cisterns for fire protection. Instead of cisterns, it may be more cost efficient to drill a deeper well. After further discussion, John Hauck moved to have Troy Hunter contact the exploration company for a preliminary analysis and recommendation, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Peter Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- **Twin Bridges Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan Update:** On-going. The Board discussed the need to include AWOS for the Twin Bridges Airport when the Capital Improvement Plans are drafted.
- **Twin Bridges Taxiway Widening, Apron expansion, and pavement maintenance:** The contractor, A.M. Welles, plans to begin work August 30, 2018. Lance is working on the utility conversion contracts for underground.

New Business: None

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held September 10, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City at 6:00 p.m.

Tom Miller, Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary