

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
EKS – Ennis – Big Sky Airport
October 18, 2021

PRESENT: Beau Bradley, Mary Oliver, John Hauck

By Video/Phone: Scott Payne, Lance Bowser

Commissioner: Ron Nye

Secretary: Jani Flinn, Hannah Brook

NOT PRESENT: Tim Cherwin, Jim Frey, Tyler Holland

Visitors: Mike McFall - *Choice Aviation*, Troy Hunter - *Choice Aviation*, Todd Simmons, Breon Roberson, David Stamsta, Mike McCann, Danielle Dunphy, Cindy Younkin, Kevin Button – *Monarch Development*

Board Co-Chairman, John Hauck called the meeting to order at 6:21P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- David Stamsta said a gate lock was preventing his Thru the Fence access until this past Sunday, October 17th. If there are on-going issues it can be discussed at a board of directors meeting.
- Beau stated that since Twin Bridges has had issues they have the gates locked. A code is given to those individuals that need/require it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John made motion to accept September minutes. Beau first moved, Mary second. All aye. September minutes accepted.

TWIN BRIDGES/RUBY VALLEY FIELD:

- Lance has heard concrete pour will most likely occur Monday, October 25, 2021
- AWOS – All works.
- Lance predicts that construction project will not finish on time due to no gravel, issues with materials. Fiberglass windows are out nine months.
- Concrete material is in, subcontractors are behind.
- Concrete will most likely be poured on Monday, October 25, 2021.
- Plow truck should arrive from freightliner in two weeks and to Montana by November 15th, 2021. Kois Brothers will then add hydraulics and other items to make it a plow.

ENNIS/BIG SKY AIRPORT

- Mike has been mowing. Thanked Beau and Ron for the tractor.
- Snowstorm that occurred 10/11/2021 blew some beacon lights down. Tip down pole is stuck in the upright position. Work in progress.
- Windsock was damaged in same storm. On order from MT Aeronautics.
- AWOS – issue communicating weather with pilots. Due to issues over the past 30 days All Weather, Inc. requested EKS send in equipment to be replaced. Total cost for repair and shipping was \$413.87.

- Due to Goose fire, Forest Service Land Use Agreement, will be making a payment of \$22,750.00 within 90 days. Inspection form signed and finalized.

REVIEW OF LEASES

New lease: Greg Lindstrom, C34, 20 years

- Beau moved for approval of lease, Scott second. All aye.

New lease: Bruce Seiler, C31, 20 years

- Beau moved for approval, Scott second. All aye.

FBO Report – SEPTEMBER

- Av gas (671) Jet A (29,997)
- 56-jets 11-Turboprop 9-Turbine Rotor wing

ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES (RPA) PROJECT UPDATES – Lance

- Large Ennis project is 99% complete. RPA is working on final project punch list items and closeout.
- West Stearman gate widening will be completed within the next two weeks. Scheduled to begin this Wednesday.
- ALP's for both Ennis and Twin Bridges will be distributed to Owner and FAA today for signatures. Final full-size sets will then be produced and distributed.
 - Airport Affected Area updates to follow these completions
- Coronavirus relief grants were executed by County (additional \$32k for EKS and \$22k for RVF general operating expenses).
- Public Water Supply – RPA water group's proposed Task Order is attached in the amount of \$120,200. No "fee review" is required for these projects/grants. The Board will review and discuss at next Airport meeting.
- Ruby Valley SRE building is behind schedule, but floor slab is scheduled to be placed later this week or Monday. Lance will send some inspection reports and photos later today or tomorrow.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT: Public Water Supply Wells - Lance

- Robert, Peccia & Associates (RPA) Engineering Proposal re. engineering services for completing public water supply wells at the Twin Bridges Airport and Ennis-Big Sky Airport - Board to review for next meeting.
- Water/Waste water issue needs to be resolved at both airports.
- Ennis – Lance is currently behind three out of five inspection reports.
- FAA meeting over next two days.
- Will approach FAA for more funding since we did not accept entitlement money this year. Hopefully receive \$200,000 for CIP Montana Aeronautics application
- Both John Hauck and Scott Payne encourage ask.
- Matt Wilder, new FAA Project Manager, will be discussing both airports with Joe Nye,

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

REIMBURSEMENT TO KEVIN BUTTON

- Kevin Button has been seeking reimbursement of \$36,127.00 for work he completed to extend electricity as well as necessary transformers.

- Though project and payment was approved for work, there are no notes in past meeting minutes. Issue was sent to Madison County Commissioners who requested more explanation.

Per Troy:

- This past March/April: Kevin Button had a Work Order (WO) to bring power to Charlie hangers. After some discussion, it was decided power should be extended to Delta hangers. NorthWestern Energy said Airport would need a new WO which would delay progress. Kevin was told to proceed by Airport board (not noted in any minutes) to continue work that would extend power to Charlie hangers. NOTE:
- Economically it would make sense to bring power in all of the way and allow hangers to “hook-up” to power. Northwestern will give \$1,500 credit if we set-up main power and allow hangers to hook-up power to individual hangers.
- It was agreed that Kevin Button be reimbursed \$35,881 minus \$10,000 for his two (2) hanger hook-up fees making total reimbursement \$25,881.
 - Beau moved to recommend to Madison County Commissioners to reimburse Kevin Button \$25,881.00
 - Mary seconds. All aye.

EXTENDING POWER TO DELTA HANGERS

- Discussion of what the cost would be to run the backbone of power to the remaining seven hangers.
- Current estimate from NorthWestern is \$92,675.
- Quote to extend power to Delta hangers was \$92,657. Troy will have further discussion with NorthWestern.
- It was explained that 3-Phase power was needed because it was faster as well as capable of powering larger hanger doors.
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- Mike will assist Troy and Kevin with a spreadsheet with cost breakdown and revision to original proposal.
- Troy will speak with Lyle at NorthWestern to discuss proposal.
- Scott would be happy if backbone of power was put in and then have individual hangers hook in at a cost to them.
- Beau agreed that putting the electric in now would assist and a fee of \$5,000 should be charged to each hanger choosing to hook-up.
 - Beau motions to move with electrical as discussed, Mary seconds. All aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- Scott asked about snow removal in Twin Bridges. Beau and Kenworthy would volunteer to do it, as well as Scott, pending training.
- RVF received 4 inches of snow from last storm.
- EKS received one foot of snow at airport, two feet of snow on road leading to airport.

NEXT MADISON COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:00PM

Virginia City, MT, Public Meeting Room, Admin Building