

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Ennis Big Sky Airport

April 19, 2021

Attendees: John Hauck, Jim Frey, Beau Bradley, Scott Payne, and Mary Oliver

Absentees: Tyler Holland, Tim Cherwin

Commissioners: Ron Nye

Secretary: Jani Flinn

Visitors: Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates; Troy Hunter, Joel Simmons, and Mike McFall, Choice Aviation; Mike McCann, Verne Brown, Kevin Butts, Monarch, David Stamsta, Dan Talbert, Big Sky Hangars, Evert Wierda, and Josh Jones

Board Co-Chairman, John Hauck, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Beau Bradley moved to approve the 3-15-2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Scott Payne seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

1. Report Ruby Valley Field: Scott reported that the airport has been fairly busy, but the wind has been a deterrent for small planes. Kristi Dunks purchased a hangar and would like to install septic because there is rough-in plumbing already in. She would need to apply for a septic permit to the County Sanitarian. Beau announced they will be hosting a Fly-In at the Twin Bridges Airport on the day before Father's Day, (June 19th) with a free lunch, car show, and special events.

2. Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: I-Com radio installed and old one is being repaired. Grooving starts 4/26 for approximately two weeks, 7pm to 7am. Hangar numbers are complete and waiting on install, still waiting for instrument approach. Northwestern energy power requested to Delta and Echo taxiways. Hangar leases, updating Rules and Regulations. FBO Report includes 888.4 gallons Avgas and 3965 Jet A with 8 jets and 16 turboprops.

3. Robert Peccia & Associates Project Updates: Lance reviewed the RPA Airport Board Meeting Notes provided. Topics discussed included:

ENNIS AIRPORT:

- **Land Acquisition:** Should have FAA request for reimbursement complete in next couple of weeks.
- **AIP 21-2020 and AIP 22-2020:** Construction punch list items are on-going. Seeding will be a problem this Spring – there is a lot of disturbance by the hangar builders. Change order for Cruze still open; offer to purchase property, or accept 2nd bid in the amount of \$29,130, less the \$3500 from owner.
- **Instrument Approach:** RPA will continue to work with Troy and the FAA.
- **Land acquisition:** Still interested in Tisler property and Colleen Miller property.

RUBY VALLEY FIELD:

- Final Airport Layout Plan (ALP) has been presented to FAA.

- Snow Removal Equipment Building and Snow Plow: After discussion, Tyler Holland moved to accept the non-primary entitlement of \$150,000 from Ennis with no repayment, award 3rd bay, and accept funds with FAA Grant. Scott Payne seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion carried.
- Lance reviewed four Task Orders from Peccia for this project. Beau Bradley moved to approve, Scott Payment seconded, all voted aye. Motion approved.

Lance also noted that the Airport Affected Areas will need to be updated for both Airports.

4. Discussion on Public Water Supply and Sewer – both Airports: The Board discussed the issues with water & sewer at both Airports due to growth and hangar demand. Scott Payne again made it clear to the Board Members that, as an engineer, he feels we may need to provide a public water supply well at both airports. Lance reviewed criteria on public water supply services, usage, and options. Several developers discussed their willingness to pay for this service and agreed to put together a proposal for the next meeting in May. Paving was also discussed and could also be included in the proposals. After much discussion, Scott Payne moved to ask the interested developers put together a proposal with an engineering concept for water & sewer, and include paving as well. Tyler Holland seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

5. Airport Hangars: Troy discussed the need to open up the remaining Delta hangar spaces and provided details on the interested parties he is working with. Lance agreed that the developers should work together and offer paving. After discussion, Beau Bradley moved to open up the lots at Delta and Echo Taxiways, with Developers responsible for paving and have Troy prioritize leases. Scot Payne seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Verne Brown, Through the Fence access issues: The Board discussed progress with the through the fence access. Verne has tried to lower the millings placed at the end of Bellanca and is still not happy with his approach. He feels that the only solution is to pave the access. The board discussed the cost of adding a drop inlet with culvert in the amount of \$14,900, vs. paving. RPA requested quotes from four paving contractors with no response. After discussion of alternatives, Beau Bradley moved to off to pave up to \$14,900 if a contractor can be found. Scott Payne seconded the motion. Discussion included having the developers on Echo and Delta provide costs from their paving contractors. All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Evert Wierda, New Taxilane and hangar proposal: Evert and Josh Jones discussed their continued interest in developing Taxilane D and will work with the other contractors to come up with a solution.

Other Business: None

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:37 p.m.

John Hauck, Co-Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary

The next meeting will be held on May 17th, at 6:00 p.m. at Ruby Valley Field in Twin Bridges.