

## Minutes of the City/County Joint Airport Board meeting, August 22, 2017

Members Present: Ray Sundling- Chairman, Hunter Michelbrink, Steve Koontz, Darin MacKenzie, Noreen Burg, Secretary

Others Present: Clint Tinsley, Russ Ferguson, JoAnn Ferguson, Wade Cebulski, Michael Klasing, Alena Klasing, Cody Wood

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Sundling. Minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were approved as emailed.

Wade Cebulski of the MDT Aeronauts Division was in the area inspecting the local airports and joined our meeting. He requested that we update our data usage and our based aircraft report. The Mission Field runway is in excellent condition after the seal project in 2016. The Gardiner Airport Runway is in very poor condition. Half of the lighting is out and there are many weeds growing in the cracks in the runway. It is in need of crack sealing. He stated that we could grind up the runway and remove it or repair what is there. Wade felt that the Gardiner Airport improvement would be a worthwhile investment, but we would need to be persistent in our efforts. The airport qualifies for state loan and grant funds through the MT Aeronautics Division. The state is more receptive to assistance when the county uses in house workers and materials. Wade reports the dirt runway at Wilsall is suitable for the usage it gets but it may be more cost effective to close it. Wade is willing to assist with any questions we have.

Gardiner Cleanup Weston Solutions has completed the oil spill cleanup. There are still areas that need to be smoothed over. The final bill hasn't been received yet. The oil tank has been removed by the road crew. Chad's a trailer moving company is ready to remove Chapman's trailer. The Blomquist Hangar has been dismantled but the cinder block foundation is still there. The Road Dept will remove several rear ends and dispose of them. There are some I bolts still in the ground, Hunter has volunteered to remove those. The Road Dept will supply a water truck and mow the area when they have time. Hunter installed 2 new windsocks, supplied by Bill Chapman and the National Park Service. Hunter will speak with his contact on the maintenance crew about the crack seal project. He states that Nancy Ward in the Engineering Dept with NPS and Patrick Kenney the Deputy Superintendent are aware of the Crack Seal Project Agreement.

Mission Field Cleanup The old fuel tank still needs to be removed. Ray offered to haul that.

AMTI- Discussion of New FBO Mike Klasing spoke briefly about the plans for a New Fixed Base Operation. He would like to begin by installing a new fueling system. A new terminal may be a possibility in the future. Ray requested that Mike draw up a plan to present to the board. The board will work up minimum standards for FBO's with the help of RPA.

Site 16 Hangar Sale Citation II Hangar LLC sold their hangar on site 16, to Warren Roberts of Hawaii. A standard land lease contract has been signed for the site.

Comments from Commissioners Clint reports that the County Commissioners will go before the Petroleum Board to appeal the denial of our claim for assistance with the Gardiner Oil Spill on September 11, 2017. Clint sees growth in our county the commissioners are involved in a Strategic Plan to consider needs for the future. Ray wants the board to consider what they want for the future of our Airport.

Maintenance Report Russ reports that a door on the T Hangar #5 was repaired. The mowing is almost complete. Runway lights had to be remounted on several posts, Russ wondered if wildlife may have caused the damage. Hunter will check into the lighting repairs at Gardiner and make a list of the materials. Clint will arrange for a mower & water truck to mow Gardiner Airport. A manager is needed there, Hunter may know someone who might be interested.

Board Member Report Steve recently flew into the Ennis and Three Forks Airports and was impressed with the expansion that's been done there.

Safety Walk Through Inspections We're formulating guidelines for the inspections. Steve suggested that a hangar keeper's liability policy would state insurance requirements. We'll also check with Lance Bowser. We need to check into the requirements for a containment field for the fuel tank next to the SRE Building.

Public Comment Elena Klasing spoke about growth challenges and encouraged the board to look at other areas that have expanded to help us decide what would work best for us. She

encouraged networking to help pinpoint the section of the market to target.

Audit Claims Noreen said the County recently had an audit review. The Auditors moved the Weston Solution payment for the oil spill into the fiscal year ending 6-30-17. The funds for the oil spill were not in the previous budget, so a budget amendment is needed to make the account balance. There will be public announcement and the board members should be aware of the reason for the amendment.

**Next Meeting September 26, 2017 12:00 noon at Mission Field**

Meeting was adjourned.