

Minutes of the City/County Joint Airport Board meeting, February 28, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerry LaDuke, Chairman  
Don Wilson  
Dennis Skattum  
George Denton  
Ray Sundling  
Jerri Miller, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Durgan, Russ Ferguson, JoAnne, Ferguson and Mark Westenskow of CTA

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Chairman LaDuke. Minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting were approved as mailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jerri announced that the Livingston Airport is the 2012 Airport of the Year award winner from Montana Aeronautics Board. This is an annual award, and the first one ever received by this Board. RPA, specifically Rick and Lance, nominated us for the award and is the primary instrument in helping us win. The award will be given to us at the March 2, 2012 Recognition Luncheon held at the annual Aeronautics Conference in Bozeman. Any member wishing to attend should notify Jerri as soon as possible as they wish to provide a count. A press release is being issued to both the Enterprise and the Bozeman Chronicle. The entire Board thanks RPA for our nomination and all of the help and assistance they provide us throughout the year.

The FAA has reauthorized their grant programs for another 5 year period. Basically, qualifications and application processes will remain the same. However, the match will now be 90/10 rather than the 95/5 we have gotten used to. This change would have cost us approximately \$77,500 in additional funds on our last project. Don moved, Ray seconded that we submit the corrected CIP notating the change and Lance will submit it to the FAA. Motion carried. Project funding for use will probably not be available until at least 2017.

Jerri said she had not received anything from the MCAA regarding our application for membership, but no news is good news, and will continue to look for acknowledgement.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerri received an e-mail from Bridger Outdoor Design providing the required 30 day notice that they wish to cancel their lease. As they had provided first and last when they signed the agreement, they are in compliance with the agreement and they will remove all equipment, etc., in the next 30 days and return all keys.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Russ reported that he has done some plowing. Some discussion was held regarding the current paint job on the runway and Kerry reiterated that the permanent markings will be done in early spring.

GARDINER REPORT: Jerri said she had asked Steve Iobst to tell her what would be the best 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the next 4 months for us to schedule a meeting date in Gardiner. One of the items on the list will be to re-negotiate the Mutual Agreement between the Park Service and the Board.

Mark Westenskow and Jim Durgan discussed the proposed Gardiner waste transfer site. They have been largely unable to find a site which suits their need other than the current green box site, and specifically,

right underneath the end of the runway. Other sites they have considered including Stemitz gravel pit, and that does remain a possibility although not a good solution. The only other possibility would be a stationary compactor which requires much less land area and would alleviate the bear problem that the Gardiner area has been experiencing. Kerry stated that considering the lease agreements we have with both the State of Montana and the US Forest Service there is no place on the airport proper which would be adaptable to the project. Additionally, the current site is included in the AAA protection zone, and would not be allowed under the height restrictions in the AAA. Mark has prepared the FAA 7460 Notice of Proposed Construction form for the current site and wishes to submit it to the FAA. He requested that the Board prepare and submit a letter along with the plan, hopefully requesting FAA approval of the current site. George moved, Don seconded that the Board send the accompanying letter to the FAA and decline the project at the current site under the provisions of our AAA. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** At the January meeting, Commissioner Durgan provided the Board with a letter from the USDA regarding wildlife issues at Gardiner. Kerry discussed both the letter and his response regarding aircraft and wildlife collisions, of which none have been reported. He stated that fencing would be cost prohibitive and that the Forest Service would not approve fencing as the airport is a major migration route for both elk and bison. He outlined our regulations and what the AAA says about applications for variances and that public safety is our major concern.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

The Claims were audited for payment. Jerri requested that the March meeting be held on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> rather than the normal meeting date of March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to this change. Therefore the next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2012.

There being no further information to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm. Submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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Kerry LaDuke, Chairman

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Jerri Miller, Secretary