

Minutes of the City/County Joint Airport Board of March 26, 2012.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: JoAnne Ferguson, Jim Durgan

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm by Chairman LaDuke. The minutes of the February 28 meeting were approved as mailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Kerry, George and Jerri formally presented the Airport of the Year award to the County Commissioners on March 9th. It is on display in their office, and Jim remarked that there have been many positive comments. Jerri said that Bill Chapman wanted to make it clear that the Gardiner Airport had received this award in 1997 for the all the hard work that was done to purchase the right-of-way deed to the airport from the State and the agreement with the Park Service to get the paving done.

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was sent to the FAA and also to Lance for inclusion in our files. Changes were made to the CIP to reflect the new 90/10 program. The CIP will remain on the agenda as a reminder that this is a continuing project although we won't be planning any construction until at least 2017.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerri reported that it is once again budget time. She provided Board members with a copy of the current budget and the worksheets for 2012/13. She will request a meeting with Lani Hartung for later in April and requested that anyone who has a specific request or idea let her know as soon as possible. Everyone agreed that as long as we are continuing to meet at the airport that we purchase some additional chairs.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: As everyone knows by now, Russ slipped while getting out of the snowplow and broke his femur. A workers' comp notification was made to Jill by Jerri, and benefits are now being received by Russ. Ray has taken up snow plowing and will continue to do so as he is able.

Kerry reported that Northwestern Energy will remove the concrete vault this spring or early summer. He and JoAnne have been picking up rocks along the runway, and Kerry asked Jim if either the City or the County might have a sweeper. Jim stated that the County has a small one, and Kerry will make arrangements to get it up to the airport.

Jerri has requested a bookcase be put in the backroom of the Admin. Building strictly for her airport books and files. She was instructed to contact Kelly Johnson to see what is available. It was suggested that the Board ask Marty to look at some of his favorite auction sites to see if there might be some snow removal equipment that would meet our needs. Apparently, he is very good at auction shopping.

GARDINER REPORT: Bill and Loretta were unable to attending this meeting. Bill did, however, want to make sure that the Gardiner Airport had been awarded the "Airport Of The Year" award in 1997. That

was the year that we purchased the right-of-way from the State and received the loan/grant from Montana Aeronautics Board. During that period of time, the runway facilities were improved and all of the hard work done by the state, Forest Service and Park Service contributed to that award. The only unfortunate thing about winning that award in 1997 was there was not more press coverage and participation in the process by the Board. Many congratulations go out to Chapman's for their continued work and support of our Gardiner Airport.

Jim stated that the Commissioners and CTA are still looking for a suitable site at Gardiner for the solid waste transfer site, but they are having little luck. They are continuing to look, however, as the bear problem at the current site will continue to grow and something will have to be done soon. A possibility of moving the entire greenbox site up to Brogran's gravel pit is being looked in to.

Mark Hecker is the new Superintendent at the Forest Service in Gardiner. He will be invited to attend the June meeting in Gardiner.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Kerry reported that 4 wind turbines have been approved for Sagebrush Energy by the FAA at the Mission Creek location. The information came from Rick Donaldson.

Ray reported that he finally has e-mail! His new address is rsundling@verizon.net. All of the Board members said it was not necessary for Jerri to mail out the minutes if she e-mails them at first.

The claims were audited for payment. The next meeting date is scheduled for April 24th. Don stated he will be out of state that week, so it is doubly important that anyone unable to attend this meeting let Jerri know ASAP so she can insure a quorum is present.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. Submitted this 24th day of April, 2012.

Kerry LaDuke, Chairman

Jerri Miller, Secretary