

Minutes of the City/County Joint Airport Board meeting, August 30, 2011.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Durgan, Russ Ferguson and Rick Donaldson

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Chairman LaDuke. Minutes of the July 26, 2011 were approved as mailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rick updated the Board on the progress of our construction project. Lance has been sending out weekly reports which the Board finds informative and of good use. A pre-paving meeting with the contractor was held earlier today. There will be a \$4800.00 additional cost on the lighting which was unanticipated. However the FAA has approved it for inclusion into the project. Rick informed the Board that since there is no longer ammonium nitrate fertilizer manufactured in this country, those costs are being taken out of the project cost analysis. The fertilizer will have to come from Canada or Mexico because of 9/11 issues and since the FAA contract calls for all products used to be made in the USA, the contractor will provide the foreign fertilizer at their own expense.

We have received word from Gary Gates at the FAA that the additional \$800,000+ funds for Additive Alternate #1 will be forthcoming within the next couple of days—possibly as early today. Russ voiced concern over having the airport closed for the additional 20 calendar days—actually approximately October 16 for a reopen date. Don moved, George seconded to eliminate the ramp project altogether. The concern is the amount of time we will be closing the runway as well as the amount of funding we will be spending. Rick said that if we do scrap the project, it would be at least 4 years before we would be able to fund it again, costs will have increased dramatically and chances are excellent that the FAA will return to their old program of 90/10 match. Jim said that as far as the County is concerned it would be more advantageous to continue on with the project if the funding comes through and to avoid all the remobilization costs which would naturally incur if we were to wait. Kerry pointed out that this delay was not of the Board's or the FAA's making and agreed with Ray's assessment that we should continue on with the project if the FAA concurred in the funding this week. Kerry called for the vote and restated that the motion was to eliminate the project, and that a vote in favor of the motion would be to scrap the project and a no vote would be to continue the project. George and Don voted in favor, Ray and Dennis voted against the motion and as Chairman, Kerry cast the tie-breaking vote to continue with the project. The motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MAINTENANCE REPORT: The tires from the Park Service have been mounted on the plow truck. Some oil leaks have been repaired. Russ also stated that Knife River needs to cleanup rocks that have been thrown about and fill in some trenches that have been dug.

GARDINER REPORT: Jerri has talked to Bill Chapman and asked him about the number of movements in and out of Gardiner airport on a daily basis. He does keep track of them and says that there are at the very least, 10 per day. Jim said that there has been no further news from the Park

Service about crack sealing. Also, there are some recycle bins that have been moved onto the green box site and they are right under the end of the runway. Kerry asked Jerri to find out who put them there and ask that they be moved to a different location as they could cause problems for aircraft taking off.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Jerri reported she was contacted by DEQ who was planning some water quality testing for Potter Creek in northern Park County and wanted to know if their people had our permission to cross the Wilsall Airport on foot. She told them that would not be a problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing

The claims were audited for payment. The next meeting date was set for September 27<sup>th</sup>. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

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Kerry LaDuke, Chairman

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Jerri Miller, Secretary