

# **City/County Joint Airport Board Meeting Agenda November 28, 2017**

**1:00 PM at the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, Gardiner, MT**

## **Agenda Items**

### **Meeting Call to Order- Chairman Sundling**

In attendance: Ray Sundling, Bill Berg, Donald Wilson, Nancy Ward, Pat Kenney, Quentin Schwartz, Darin MacKenzie, Steve Koontz, Mark Carmen, Emily Post, Bill Berg, Hunter Micklebrink, Russ Ferguson,

### **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Ray called for comments or revisions on the minutes.  
Ray heard no comments and stated approval of minutes.

### **Discussion with the Yellowstone National Park Service officials about the signed Memorandum of Understanding for Gardiner Runway Repairs \***

Pat Kenny provided comments regarding importance of airport to the viability of Yellowstone National Park. Mr. Kenney stated that the agreement is not legally viable due to federal park funds not being allowed to be allocated toward airport maintenance.

Ray Sundling provided comments regarding recommendation to close airport due to condition of the runway.

Discussion regarding how to move forward.

Pat stated that wildlife flights include hundreds of flights per year out of the Gardiner Airport.

Ray Sundling provided comments regarding lease of land from the State of Montana.

Don provided comments regarding 510 inspection and associated recommendations.

Nancy provided cost estimate for restructuring and overlay of runway.

Discussion regarding recommendation that the airport solicit a private contracting cost due to the higher costs of federal procurement.

Discussion regarding liability for Park County and Airport after the recommendation of ill repair.

Comments provided regarding concern of staff and public safety due to condition of runway.

Discussion regarding opportunity for Yellowstone Forever to be a potential funder for maintenance and reconstruction.

Discussion regarding opportunities for Park County to fund maintenance. Bill Berg stated lack of funds for existing programs of great merit.

Mark Carmen provided comments regarding value of airport and existing small aircraft and NPS staff use.

Discussion regarding variety of staff use including wildlife, search and rescue and fire suppression.

Pat Kenney stated that he'll discuss options of funding and approaching Yellowstone Forever for funding.

Hunter Mickelbrink provided comments regarding need to move forward one way or another to mitigate liability for the county due to recent report from Montana Aeronautics Board.

Discussion regarding decommissioning runway and value of the airport to the county.

Discussion regarding quality of runway and board use of Gardiner Airport in current condition.

Mark Cameron provided comments regarding lack of resources at the airport until it is a destination airport for YNP visitors.

Next steps include Airport Board getting chip sealing cost and additional maintenance and meeting with NPS staff again to compare numbers. Once estimates are received they'll be passed on to Pat and Nanacy.

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Discussion regarding opportunity to fix city or county chip sealer and have the city and county complete a joint effort.

Bill provided comments that YF may be receptive to value of airport for wildlife survey.

Discussion regarding void contract.

Discussion regarding serviceable runway and different options of repair with lower and higher cost.

Discussion regarding FAA required altitude.

Discussion regarding options for NPS to pay fees for use.

Discussion regarding who to request estimates from for runway work.

Ray stated that annual budget for Gardiner Airport is \$2,000. Provided comments regarding Bill Chapman's work at the airport.

Discussion regarding Chapman's structures at the Gardiner Airport and oil barrels that need removal. Hunter stated need to send a formal letter to Bill Chapman requesting removal of his structures in disrepair.

Hunter provided comments regarding opportunity for County Attorney to revoke Bill Chapman's lease.

Discussion regarding cabin lease payment of \$75 per month and whether anyone was living there.

### **Public Discussion**

Russ Fergusson provided comments regarding price developed for hanger at Livingston Airport due to door being off track. Russ recommended replacing door hardware replacement one at a time and subsequent lease rate increase. Discussion regarding hanger use for aviation purposes only.

### **Claims Audit & Signing**

### **Next Meeting February 2018 12:00 Noon at Mission Field**

Motion made by Steve Koontz to schedule next meeting to February 27, 2018, second by Hunter; no discussion; Darin against, others fore. Motion passes.

### **Adjourn**

\*MOU attached