

Minutes of the City/County Joint Airport Board meeting June 27, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Sundling- Chairman, Don Wilson, Hunter Michelbrink, Steve Koontz, Darin MacKenzie, Noreen Burg- Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Clint Tinsley, Russ Ferguson, JoAnn Ferguson, Hayden Janssen, Craig Caes, Cheryl Juergens, Mel Kuipers, Gordon Elle, Paul Lyman, Michael Klasing, Cody Wood, Pete Christianson, Linda Carson.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Sundling. Minutes of the June 27th, 2017 meeting were approved as emailed.

Mel Kuipers and Gordon Elle of Sports Car Club of America spoke about the club and their need for a facility to hold events. They wish to hold 1 day solo events called Auto Cross Precision Driving. The event is designed to give the drivers an opportunity to test their skills and their vehicle at higher speeds. The drivers are never to pass another car. The risk involved is about the same as highway driving and safety is always a priority. They are interested in renting the tarmac where the tie down area is. They would need to set up around 7:30 AM with the event beginning at 9:30 to 10:00 and are usually completed by 4:00 PM. They would be mindful that this is an Airport and would stop all activity for planes. They have someone who sets up the course, another person is responsible for waivers of insurance for each participant and a Licensed Safety Official to assure the situation is safe for all involved. If approved a preliminary event could be planned for next spring to see how the setup works for both entities. This would be an opportunity to increase tourist dollars in our area. The county attorney will review a sample of their insurance coverage and the board will make a decision at the next meeting.

Weston Solutions engineer Hayden Janssen spoke about the Gardiner Airport oil spill cleanup. The events of the initial spill report and follow up work were reviewed. It is estimated that 600 plus gallons of used motor oil was spilled. The state law places the responsibility for a spill on the property owner no matter who owns the tank. The county hired Weston Solutions to insure that the spill was addressed according to Montana regulations. Weston subcontracted a firm from Great Falls to remove and dispose of the oil that was spilled after the wax plug failed. The oil had collected in the containment fields that Weston constructed initially and expanded after the plug failed. On February 9th the Great Falls disposal team removed 452 gallons and 5 days later removed an additional 50 gallons using a different method. The containment fields held the spill, but oil had already soaked in to the soil prior to Weston's arrival 2 days after the report. On March 23rd, 8 test pits were dug to test the soil and explore how deep the oil had seeped. The deepest is 7 feet. Weston has developed a corrective action work plan that was submitted to and has been approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. It is estimated that 235 cubic yard of contaminated soil need to be removed (330 tons of soil) to clean up the area. They put the work out for bid and the lowest bidder was from the 4 Corners area. Their bid was for \$40,600 and was considerable less than the competitor. They are ready to begin the work which they estimate will take 4 days and should be completed by August 31st. A final report will be sent to MT DEQ by October 31, 2017. The current expenditures total 38,000. The remaining costs will be 64,500, and after the cleanup the total is expected to be under 110,000.00. The cost doesn't include removal of the tank. The owner of the tank is responsible for it.

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund has funds to help with cleanup of spills. The county

applied for assistance but it was determined that the leaking tank did not have a containment system and was not compliant with state regulations so assistance was denied. An alternative cleanup plan to be done by Park County employees and the soil to be land farmed on site was considered. Hayden of Weston solutions highly discouraged the board on that plan due to the time involved and the cost of continued monitoring. Hayden also states that his firm has charged the county the rate the state would pay under the petroleum grant, which is discounted at least 70 percent of private sector fees. No payment has been made to Weston Solutions yet for the work they've already done.

Ray called for a motion for action. Darin MacKenzie made a motion to accept the Weston Solutions cleanup plan and pursue compensation from the tank owner. There was no second. Clint Tinsley stated that he felt that the commission would override and go forward with the Weston plan. Darin restated the motion to recommend that the commissioners proceed with the Weston Solutions plan. Don Wilson seconded the motion. The votes to approve were made by Darin, Don and Hunter. Steve Koontz opposed. With the majority votes to approve the motion was passed. A recommendation will be presented to the Park County Commissioners to proceed with the proposed cleanup plan.

Discussion Decision- Gardiner Dilapidated Hangar. There was discussion of the opportunities given to the owner for repairing the dilapidated hangar at the Gardiner. The hangar owner Mark Blomquist of Central Valley, Utah has not repaired the hangar. Ray made a motion to request that the County Attorney send a letter to the hangar owner requiring him to dispose of the hangar and cleanup the site in 30 days. If no action is take the county will remove the building and charge the owner. Hunter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. A recommendation will be made to the County Commissioners.

Discussion on Site #16 Apartment Usage. A potential buyer of the hangar on site 16 inquired of the FAA about using the hangar for a rental situation. The FAA states the hangars can be used for crew quarters only, no residential usage is allowed. The buyer is no longer interested. The Airport Board should create a policy to address the usage we will allow. A committee could be set up to recommend regulations for Mission Field that will follow FAA guidelines. No committee was set up at this time.

Discussion Decision on Paying Rural Fire Dist #1 Invoice. The invoice is for their work as first responders to the Gardiner oil spill. Steve made a motion to deny paying the invoice, Don seconded. The vote was unanimous to deny payment of the invoice.

Update on T Hangar #3 Darin MacKenzie has moved from T Hangar #1 to T Hangar #3. T Hangar #1 is now available for rent.

Maintenance Report, Mission Field Curb Appeal Checklist. Manager Russ Ferguson and Darin MacKenzie did a review of the Mission Field property and created a checklist of items that need to be addressed. The main items Darin feels should be removed is a 500 gallon tank and an old generator. Russ will contact Pacific Steel to arrange a pickup of the scrap metal. Steve will take the generator. The cattle guard was installed by the state prior to the installation of the currant barb wire fence. It is no longer needed and could be removed. A motorcycle recently had an accident due to the cattle guard. No definite plans were made at this time to remove the cattle guard. Noreen will deal with the files in the SRE building.

Russ called for a repair to the well pump. A valve was replaced. Russ mowed around the runway

and needs to make arrangements to use the county mower for the smaller areas. The mower kicked up a rock that broke a back window on a vehicle parked in the parking lot. Russ called Mountain Mobile to replace the window and paid for it with his credit card. Russ submitted the bill for reimbursement. Bergs Overhead Door worked on the sliding door on T Hangar #1. Berg stats there is nothing more he can do to improve the door function. Darin will look for someone to do some welding work in an effort to improve the door.

Public Comment. JoAnn responded to a figure that was given at the AMTI presentation at the last meeting. The number of jets that landed last year was stated as 97. JoAnn went to the 2016 UNICOM Log and the number she came up with was 180 jets that landed here. The runway was closed for resurfacing 4 times last summer for approximately 10-12 days, so the number would have been larger without the closures. JoAnn commented that they provide many services for the jets. They provide fuel, assist with transportation, move luggage, clean the bathrooms and kitchens and set up catering. JoAnn review the list of landings they've had recently. She also had a woman admire the furniture in our lobby who left her name and number in case we ever wanted to sell it.

Audit/Claims. The claims were audited for payment. The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday July 25th, 2017, 12:00 noon at Mission Field.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.