

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ely Jet Center

Present: Dan Netcher, Tim Parish, and Commissioner Steve Stork (Liaison)

Also Present: Lance Gale – White Pine County Airport Manager, Lori Romero - Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Netcher called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None were made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR October 13, 2016

Tim Parish made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting as written. Dan Netcher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Only Regarding New Airport Manager's Expectations of the Airport Advisory Board

G. Discussion/Action/Possible Approval of White Pine County Airport Advisory Board's and Airport Manager's Goals and Objectives for FY 2017-2018

Chairman Dan Netcher opened both agenda items since they overlap. He welcomed Lance Gale, new Airport Manager to the meeting. Dan inquired of Lance as to what were his expectations of the Airport Advisory Board. Lance stated he felt the Advisory Board is important and he would like to work towards some positive projects/activities to present to the County Commission. Dan expressed he would like to see fly-ins again and he felt the public lacks knowledge of the airport. The public thinks the airport is closed since there is no airline service and that isn't the case. There was further discussion regarding flight instructors, Great Basin College involvement, drone flight and an EAA Young Eagles Chapter.

Lance inquired how often the Advisory Board meets and best means of communication. Dan responded quarterly. Tim stated NOTAMs, however not everyone is in the habit of using NOTAMs. Lance stated when he issues a NOTAM he will print one to post and leave a copy at the office.

It was the consensus to set the date of Saturday, July 15, 2017 for a public event and possibly call it "A Day at the Airport. It will be an event to educate the public on what goes on at the airport. Hopes are for all those who use the airport such as American MedFlight, BLM, Smoke jumpers to participate and maybe arrange for an EAA Young Eagle Chapter to participate.

E. Discussion/Action Regarding Status on Hangers that Dr. Jensen Proposed to Build

Steve updated the members regarding the T-hangars that Dr. Jensen was proposing to build. The location proposed to build the T-hangars is no part of the Masterplan. A location more South was proposed but this location would need improvements before building could take place.

B. Update/Discussion Only Regarding the Status of Ely Jet Center's New Lease Agreement for Additional Land at the Ely Airport/Yelland Field to Operate a U-Haul Business – Leased Land to be Used for the Parking and Storage of Inventoried Vehicles and Trailers

Tim informed the Advisory Board Member that U-Haul is going away. The current lease with American MedFlight doesn't include U-Haul. U-Haul is moving to another location.

C. Update/Discussion Only Regarding Airport Grants – Currently Active and Upcoming

Steve Stork reported that AIP 19 and AIP 20 airport improvement projects are almost completed. He confirmed that the marking, and grooving of the asphalt will be done this spring. In 2018 it is on the books to seal the south ramp. However this may be pushed back to combine with a future project for money reasons. Tim inquired if the cracks will be addressed. Steve replied not in the near future. A NOTAM will be re-issued regarding the cracks.

D. Update/Report on Fix Base Operator Sale

Tim reported the sale was completed January 30, 2017. American MedFlight bought the assets and will continue to operate as Ely Jet Center. He is the only employee and eventually there will be self-serve on AB gas with the location to be determined. Dan expressed the need for aircraft mechanic with full service not just for fuel.

F. Discussion/Action/Possible Approval of White Pine County Airport Advisory Board's Annual Evaluation to be Submitted to the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

Mrs. Romero stated this is a yearly evaluation from the advisory board to the County Commissioners regarding the number of times the board has met, accomplishments, challenges or goals for the upcoming year. The evaluation is due February 15, 2017. It was the consensus of the members to report on AIP 19 and AIP 20 runway reconstruction, repair of the old hangar and the sale of Ely Jet Center.

Steve informed the members of a presentation by Armstrong on February 22, 2017 at the County Commission meeting and encouraged them to attend. The presentation will stress the need of funding to complete the runway project. He also reminded the members that every 5 years there has to be a solicitation for airport consultants.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGER

Lance expressed he wants to move forward with new things with the new Fix Base Operator and looks forward to working with the board. He wants to stay positive and up beat as was discussed at the Department Head meeting he had just attended. He wants those using the airport to leave with a good experience and to always tell them “thanks” for using the airport.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

To schedule another meeting for March 7, 2017 at 10:00 am to further plan the July 15, 2017 event “A Day at the Airport”. It was the consensus for all members to contact others about participating and bring that information back to the next meeting.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2017

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board, Chairman Dan Netcher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Parish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Netcher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.