

## **WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Ely Jet Center

**Present:** Dan Netcher, Tim Parish, Lloyd Phillips, Lance Gale- Airport Manager and Commissioner Steve Stork (Liaison)

**Also Present:** Jess Fabula, Armstrong Consultants, Ryan Pritchett, Armstrong Consultants, Geri Wopschall, and Lori Romero - Secretary

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dan Netcher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None were made.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR February 7, 2017**

Tim Parish made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as written. Dan Netcher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Lloyd Phillips abstained.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Update/Discussion on 5 Year Plan of Capital Improvement Projects**

Lance Gale, Airport Manager presented a handout prepared by Armstrong referencing current projects and future projects. Lance reported that AIP 19 and AIP 20 airport improvement projects are almost completed. He confirmed that the striping, and grooving of the asphalt will be completed approximately mid-April or May depending upon the temperatures. Tim Parish inquired if this included the repainting of the apron. Lance confirmed this was included.

Lance stated the 2017 project to seal the south ramp is going to be pushed back to the 2018-2019 grant season. NDOT will have the McGill Hwy project in progress at that time, which provides the opportunity for a cost savings for the airport project. The 2018 grant application would include for reconstruction of runways and re-seal of the south ramp. The FAA is looking at this as a priority project for the State of Nevada. Lance stated in the County budget hearings it was discussed of splitting the County match between two budget years.

#### **B. Discussion/Action/Possible Approval of Upcoming 2017 Projects**

Lance Gale, Airport Manager inquired of the board members what kind of maintenance projects they would like to see addressed in 2017 since there won't be a Federal project. An increase in maintenance funds was requested during the budget hearings to make some improvements and maintain runways. Lance inquired about the T-hangar that Dr. Jensen wants to build. Tim Parish stated Dr. Jensen would continue to use the T-hangar

he is currently occupying since starting in May he won't be coming to Ely as often. Dan Netcher suggested the tied downs for the gliders need to be fixed. Tim Parish suggested the terminal sign be removed since it is misleading to pilots coming in. Steve Stork recommended the terminal sign be cover with FBO signage with an arrow. Lance stated a NOTAM will be re-issued regarding the cracks and barriers will be placed.

### **C. Discussion/Planning “Day at the Airport” on July 15, 2017**

Lance Gale, Airport Manager introduced Jesse Fabula and Ryan Pritchett with Armstrong Consultants. Armstrong Consultants wanted to share some ideas since they were involved in the last open house held at Yelland Field and have participated in open houses at other airports. Jesse Fabula circulated some handouts among the board members. Dan Netcher wants to see the educational side of the airport told, such as role the airport played in the hay drop to present use with drones. Lloyd Phillips will make contact with the EAA Young Eagle Chapter in Southern Utah to participate. He added they have 5 – 7 pilots with a variety of planes. He also offered to make some contacts to see about getting a Black Hawk. Lance Gale stated these are the kind of things that will get or keep our youth excited about aviation. Ryan Pritchett suggested tying the event in with other clubs such as car club or event such as Planes, Trains and Automobiles. It was the consensus for pursue those discussed above along with the BLM for the Smoke Jumpers, MedFlight, and a drone participant. Steve Stork offered to contact Donna Bath with Heller's Office, she might be able to help with contacts. Tim Parish suggested the ARF Truck be available for the event. Lance Gale spoke about a Hot Air Balloon event tentative scheduled for August 25th and 26th that would leave at the golf course and land at the airport. Steve Stork suggested trying to get a balloon to come out for the airport event to offer tether rides. This would be a great introduction for the Hot Air Balloon event in August. Jesse Fabula suggested establishing a point of contact and they could help with art work for posters. It was the consensus of the board members for each of them to make contact with potential participants and report back at the next meeting.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

## **VI. COMMENTS FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGER**

Lance Gale stated he is working on tracking contracts that exist at the airport and reporting those to the County Clerk. The County is in the process of setting up a database to better track all contracts in the County and collect what is due to the County. Tim Parish stated he tracks all airplanes and the number on board. Is this something he should continue? Steve Stork replied to keep tracking for FAA reports. Ryan Pritchett this data can be used to establish usage of the airport for future funding.

## **VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**NONE**

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Have a standing agenda item for airport usage, report on solicitation of consultants and “Day at the Airport”.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Geri Wopschall will put the airport usage information in the newspaper. Steve Stork stated he feels the County Commission is committed to the future airport projects and commended Armstrong for being so great to work with. Steve also recommended in the future if runway lighting is replaced to do so with 20 to 24 inch risers.

**X. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting Date: April 4, 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. Lloyd Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Parish seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.