

## WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2017

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

**Location:** Ely Jet Center

**Present:** Tim Parish, Lloyd Phillips, Dan Netcher, and Airport Manager Lance Gale,  
Commission Liaison Steve Stork

**Also Present:** Geri Wopschall, Henry Stewart, Mike Coster (10:20) & Lori Romero, Secretary

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

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

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

Geri Wopschall shared photos of an engine for an ultralight aircraft that is available for free.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 5, 2017**

Lloyd Phillips made a motion to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes. Tim Parish seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Update/Discussion on Airport Usage Report**

Tim Parish presented the number of planes using the airport for the month of December.

Private planes – 47 (Nov. - 41)

Commercial – 41 (Nov. - 48)

Medical – 19 (Nov. - 27)

Government – 25 (Nov. - 22)

Total Enplanements – 320 (Nov. - 373)

#### **B. \*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the White Pine County Airport Advisory Board**

Tim Parish made the motion to elect Lloyd Phillips as Chairman. Dan Netcher seconded the motion. All approved.

Tim Parish made the motion to elect Dan Netcher as Vice-Chairman. Lloyd Phillips seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **C. Update on Airshow to be held on June 16, 2018 & Community Committee Progress for the Event**

Lance Gale stated the next Community Committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Terminal Building. Some from Formula One Air Racing visited the airport and were impressed with what they saw. A preliminary schedule was presented. The High School chorus will be singing the National Anthem each morning at 7:30 and a

different branch of military will be recognized each of the five days of the event. There will be 16 – 18 planes participating. Other events will include tethered balloon rides, car show, motorcycle show and others are in the works. Since participants will be using the old hangar Tim Parish will check with Ely Jet Center about renting their hangar to house planes normally parked in the old hangar.

Lloyd Phillips is working on the parking and camping for the event. Local vendors and vendors from possibly Las Vegas will provide portable services needed for potable water and the emptying of holding tanks. Portable restrooms with shower units are available as well if needed. The time line to get approval from the FAA will be close to start of the event.

All available bleachers are being asked for and box sitting is still being explored.

Tim Parish inquired about NOTAM to close during races. Lance Gale stated the NOTAM will allow closure during races but open up between races for gliders to take off, and allow for medical and smoke jumpers to conduct business. Lance Gale responded the waiver includes for the regular activities to continue as normal.

**D. Discussion on Recognition of Yelland Family for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ely Airport/Yelland Field on Thursday, January 25, 2018**

A recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to honor Henry James Yelland and the family will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 1 pm at the Terminal Building. The event will include a history of the airport, presentation of a plaque to the family, and a proclamation from Heller's Office. The family is bringing some personal items such as his uniform to exhibit for the event.

**E. Discussion Concerning the South Hangar Lease to be Advertised**

The number 2 south hangar lease is up, currently occupied by Murry Hewko. It should go out for advertisement this week. Whoever gets the lease on the hangar will have to follow the Hangar Policy that is in effect. There will be a pre-inspection of the hangar and the sealed bids for the lease will be opened in a County Commission meeting.

**F. Update on Upcoming FAA Project**

Airport Manager Lance Gale attended a FAA meeting in Reno in early December regarding FAA projects. That meeting was followed up with a physical visit by FAA officials at the Ely Airport/Yelland Field on December 19, 2017. Reconstruction of runway 18/36 and rehabilitate airfield lighting will be addressed in 2018 and 2019. County has set aside the match for the project.

Lance stated the Alpha Taxiway wind cone needs to be moved and asked for suggestions. It was suggested to request recommendations from Armstrong Consultants.

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

Secretary Lori Romero stated the date needs to be changed on footer of the pages. Lloyd Phillips made the motion to approve the White Pine County Airport Advisory Board's Annual Evaluation. Dan Netcher seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **H. Updates/Reports from Steve Stork, Commission Liaison**

Commission Liaison Steve Stork reported the budget schedules for the FY 2019 workshops should be available soon.

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

Lance Gale reported:

- 1: The abandoned 310 airplane, which has been there for approximately 10 years, will be put up for bid. The engines will be shipped to Ely and sold as a package with the plane. All proceeds will go back to the County for uncollected tie down fees.
- 2: Notification was received regarding Willow Creek Airport has been approved airspace. While meeting requirements it will qualify for Federal funding.

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

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

Have a standing agenda item for Airport usage; Airshow June 16, 2018; Follow up on 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ely Airport/Yelland Field; South Hangar Lease

#### **VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mike Coster stated he knew of three other rural airports (Baker Ranches, one north of Highway 50, and one just over the border into Utah). He expressed concerns the hangar lease that is going out to bid such as the length of advertising time, the use of the hangar and the County should be getting the best price for the hangar. Federal, State and local laws and policies need to be followed. He commended the Airport Board and Airport Manager on all the great things happening at the Airport.

Tim Parish stated he was opposed to hurrying the bidding process along regarding the hangar lease.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2018**

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board, Dan Netcher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Parish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lloyd Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.