

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ely Jet Center

Present: Tim Parish, Lloyd Phillips, and Airport Manager Lance Gale,

Absent: Dan Netcher, Commission Liaison Steve Stork

Also Present: Geri Wopschall, Lori Romero, Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lloyd Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9, 2018

Tim Parish made a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes with corrections.

Lloyd Phillips 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 January. A spreadsheet was presented giving a snapshot of 2017 usage.

Private planes – 27 (Dec. - 47)

Commercial – 51 (Dec. - 41)

Medical – 30 (Dec. - 19)

Government – 21 (Dec. - 25)

Total Enplanements – 326 (Dec. - 320)

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

Lance Gale presented an updated preliminary schedule including races and events for June 12th – 16th. 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.

Lloyd Phillips gave an update on the parking, camping and race course for the event. He is also working with NDOT on speed reduction in the area during the event. He expressed concerns about hangar space for the aircraft for at night or due to weather. T-post and fencing will have to be installed to keep people out of restricted areas. It will have to be removed after the event. Badges will identify employees and volunteers working the event.

Tim Parish inquired if the main gate will be closed for security and information regarding the race to post at the airport. Lance Gale confirmed the gate will be closed. Marketing

materials are being handled by the Tourism and Rec. Board. Lance Gale indicated the committee is still working on the logo and the sponsor but he will get marketing materials for the airport.

C. Discussion on Recognition of Yelland Family for 100th Anniversary of Ely Airport/Yelland Field on Thursday, January 25, 2018

The event went well. Sean Pitts gave a family history. Lance Gale wants to pursue putting “Yelland Field” back on the front of the original hangar and on the airport sign at the main entrance into the airport.

D. Discussion Concerning the South Hangar Lease to be Advertised

The number 2 south hangar lease is up, currently occupied by the late Murry Hewko. The bid to lease airport hangar #2 is advertised on the County website and will be in the local newspaper. There will be a pre-inspection of the hangar on March 2nd and the sealed bids for the lease will be opened at the County Commission meeting on March 28, 2018. The \$366.00 monthly cost was arrived at by taking the square footage and using the 2014 FAA lease rate.

E. Update on Upcoming FAA Project

Airport Manager Lance Gale referred to reconstruction of runway 18/36 and rehabilitate airfield lighting will be addressed in 2018 and 2019. Construction will not start until after July 1, 2018. County has set aside the match for the project.

F. Updates/Reports from Steve Stork, Commission Liaison

Commissioner Steve Stork was not in attendance.

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 were sold as parts and will not be part of the sale. All proceeds will go back to the County for uncollected tie down fees.

2: The County budget process for FY 2019 is coming up and asked for input from the Advisory Board members. It was the consensus to see about getting the main gate fixed. Tim Parish made the recommendation to the County Commission to allow improvement of signage over the original hangar and the signage at the main entrance. Lloyd Phillips supported that recommendation.

3: Four parasails are using the ultralight runways.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

Signage improvements, Update on Air Races

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Have a standing agenda item for Airport usage; Airshow June 16, 2018; South Hangar Lease

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Geri Wopschall commended the board on the great job they are doing and supported their efforts in getting the gate fixed for security.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2018

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board, Lloyd Phillips 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 11:02 a.m.