

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ely Jet Center

Present: Tim Parish, Richard Barber and Airport Manager Lance Gale

Also Present: Geri Wopschall, and Lori Romero, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Parish called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

1.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: MINUTES-CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL: March 5, 2019

Tabled

2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report

Tim Parish presented the Airport Usage spreadsheet. Tim stated the number under medical does not mean they were all medical flights. Lance reported it was great to have this spreadsheet to show airport usage for the FAA funding.

3. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on Ely Air Races Committee Meeting Regarding the Ely Air Races for June 13-15, 2019

Lance Gale reported Tourism & Rec. Board has been advertising in a 500 mile radius and are now focusing on the closer communities. The Reno Air Races sponsor youth to attend the air races by handing out a passport. The passport requires the youth to visit booths that are STEM themed. This would be a great way to get the youth involved. Idaho Director of Aviation Mike Pape gave a presentation at the Nevada Airport Conference about the importance of finding something unique about your airport and running with it. He will be attending the Ely Air Races with a friend who is a CEO to introduce a new airplane at the air races. The FAA would like to have the ribbon cutting for the airport improvement project at the Ely Air Races. The other events planned will help fill the gaps between races. FAA safety and security used at the Ely Air Races are being applied at the Reno Air Races. The same weekend of the air races is a golf tournament and bull riding to enhance the event. Planes that land and buy fuel will be given free admission. Richard Barber inquired about the number of tickets that have been sold, number of F1 participants and volunteers needed. Lance responded he did have the number of tickets sold to date, F1 has 16 participants and 2 alternates, 30 volunteers are needed to work with F1 group and 150 volunteers for other duties.

Tim inquired about hearing the County Commission was not supporting the event. Lance responded Commissioner Stork stated at the Committee Meeting the Commission is supporting the event.

4. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects

Lance reported the equipment has arrived to complete the grooving, re-stripe, runway numbers and grading. This will take about two days. Will start at the South ramp and work their way North. There

will be an inspection once completed and signed off. The County will be completing their annual mowing on the grounds. Ground that was disturbed during the construction project will be sterilized rather than re-seeded.

5. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on Nevada Airport Manager's Meeting

The Nevada Airport Manager's Conference is held every March. Presentations included leasing of non-aviation land (example as the 90 acres for the solar farm); asphalt evaluation and new assessment every 3 years; new aviation funding bill presented at the legislature for 1 million dollars to help rural airports cover the match for Federal funds.; youth programs; Mike Pape's presentation about finding something unique about your airport and running with it.

6. INFORMATION ONLY: Updates/Reports from Steve Stork, Commission Liaison

Steve was not present.

7. INFORMATION ONLY: Report from the Airport Manager

Lance Gale reported:

1. The old wind sock will be placed on the West side of the airport.
2. Maintaining the rabbit population according to FAA requirements. USDA takes care of the coyotes.
3. New radio communication system being installed.

Tim inquired if the MedX AirOne hangar was still moving forward. Lance stated the County is working on the lease of up to 10,000 sq. ft and Joel has plans to present to the Building & Planning Dept. for approval. Once all is approved the building can start. MedX AirOne plans to complete and occupy the hangar by October or November of 2019.

Lance reported a pilot and air craft mechanic has relocated here.

Tim inquired about consolidation of the County & City Services with the concern being the AARF Station and how it would be handled. He stated the response time from the City Fire Department would be too far away. Lance responded that is a big concern and it is necessary if we want commercial air service in the future. He will follow up on this.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS: For County Commission Agenda Items

9. RECOMMENDATIONS: For Airport Advisory Board Agenda Items

Agenda items were: usage report; report on Ely Air Races committee meeting regarding the Ely Air Races for June 13-15, 2019; Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Geri Wopchall asked if the alarm that was going off causing loss of radio communications had been corrected. Lance stated the cause has been isolated to a safety button in the package area of the terminal. The button has been disconnected. It is still happening but not as frequently. There appears to be related to winter weather and a wiring issue.

10. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board, Tim Parish called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Parish seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2019