

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ely Jet Center

Present: Lloyd Phillips, Tim Parish, Dan Netcher and Airport Manager Lance Gale, Commission Liaison Steve Stork (10:40)

Also Present: Geri Wopschall, Richard Barber, Allison Thomas with Armstrong, Chris Nocks with Armstrong, Lori Romero, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

1.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: MINUTES-CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL: June 5, 2018

Tim Parish made the motion to approve the minutes. Lloyd Phillips seconded the motion. All approved. Dan Netcher abstained.

2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report

Tim Parish presented the Airport Usage spreadsheet. The increase in private planes was due to the Air Races.

3. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on Ely Air Races to be held June 12-16, 2018

Lance Gale reported the attendance was about half of what was anticipated. The daily attendance increased each day with an estimated 1000 total attendees. The Mayday response time was handled quickly. There was more lag time between races than planned for due to last minute cancellations of events to fill that space. Overall for the first year things went well and potential for the future is endless. Lance thanked all the Airport Advisory Board members for their participation and support of the event. The Formula1 people reported they were treated very well.

Lloyd Phillips reported the vending was on the verge of disaster throughout the races. FAA commented how well things were planned out and went. They made suggestions of other kinds of races to consider for the future. He also received comments from the racers about feeling welcome and being treated well. Will try to get Guinness Book crew to come out next year.

Dan Netcher stated a new Air Boss is needed for the event next year and better radios for communication. The Medflight group was great to work with during their situation.

4.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion/Recommendations on the Leasing of South Hangar to Med X One for storage of their aircraft, status of current tenants of the South Hangar and Recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners

Med X AirOne has requested to lease Hangar 2 and offer for the tenants in Hangar 1 to move to Hangar 2. Hangar 2 is not large enough to house the Med X AirOne aircraft. Lance explained the County had advertised the lease of Hangar 2 and received no bids. The Board of County Commission decided to

rent Hangar 2 out for nightly stayovers. It was noted Med X AirOne is renting space for 60 days and has not made payment. Dan Netcher stated the first problem is according to policy Hangars are to be used to store aircraft and can't be used for storage. Second all the aircraft in Hangar 1 will not fit into Hangar 2 and Med X AirOne is not going to allow the current tenants to move their plane to get their own in & out. Nor would the tenants want to do that. Richard Barber stated we only move our own planes and we don't move other people's planes. He added the long term plans for the airport include for hangars to be built in the future. It was suggested maybe Med X AirOne consider building a Hangar to house their aircraft. Lance reminded the board this is Med X AirOne's proposal and the Board of County Commissioners is asking for recommendations from the Airport Advisory Board. Dan Netcher and Richard Barber have been leasing space in Hangar 1 for 18 plus years. Additional discussion took place regarding Hangar Policy, and if the number of base aircraft housed at the airport decreases what affect will that have on FAA funding. It was the consensus policies need to be followed, lease agreements honored and the good of the airport kept in mind. Lloyd Phillips made the motion to convey four things for the Board of Commissioners to consider: 1) follow hangar and airport policies adopted 2) follow FAA policies 3) consider current rental and lease agreements 4) keep the best interest of the airport in mind. Dan Netcher seconded the motion. All approved. Lance informed the members the gate at the South end will be lock starting immediately to address security at that end of the airport.

5. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects

Chris Nocks with Armstrong gave an overview of the project which could start July 23, 2018. He added there has been protest filed by the two contractors, Granite and Road Highway, who bid the project due to various reasons. The project allows 120 days for the runways and 90 days for taxiways (Alpha & Bravo) work with new lighting and generator. A temporary taxiway will be created during construction. The FAA has a three year funding package and Nevada is to receive a large amount of funding. Yelland Field is ranked as one of the top priority projects when Mr. Haukohl visited in December 2017 and saw the condition of the taxiway.

6.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion on Ely Air Races Scheduled for June 13-15, 2019

Lance Gale reported the Board of County Commissioners has approved to move forward with a second year of the Air Races. It has been reduced to three days and other suggestions such as a reduced rate for locals one day, other race times such as evening and events to fill the lag time between races will be considered. The C130 has committed for all three days. The current waiver for the Air Races is good through June 2020 and additional waivers can be acquired for additional events. Dan Netcher made the motion that the Airport Advisory Board will continue to support the local Air Races and expand into other air events supporting the Air Races. Tim Parish seconded the motion. All approved.

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

None

8. INFORMATION ONLY: REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGER

Lance Gale reported:

- 1: NOTAMs will be posted for dates of construction
- 2: The pylons will be moved to a storage location on airport property. The bases will remain in the ground at their present location.

3: Wind sock at the South end is backup

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Have a standing agenda item for Airport usage; Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects

PUBLIC COMMENT

11. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board, Lloyd Phillips called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Netcher 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: October 2, 2018