

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 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

Also Present: Geri Wopschall, Richard Barber, Tim Keough with USDA, Mike Coster (10:32), 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: July 10, 2018

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

2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report

Tim Parish presented the Airport Usage spreadsheet. .

3. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on Ely Air Races Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2018 Regarding the Ely Air Races for June 13-15, 2019

Lance Gale reported the committee has a few new members. The IF1 had seven planes in the event this year and anticipate having 21 to 24 planes in the upcoming event in June 2019. They propose making the Ely area into a circuit leading to the Reno Air Races. There will be more emphasis on aerobatics events to entertain the audience between races, consideration of: holding a sporty class race, offer a week of training for pilots prior to the races, and maybe offering a Thursday evening event just for the County residents. The C-130 will be at the event all three days. P51 and B17 aircraft will also be at the event. Materials recycled from the runway project will be put in the areas used for RV and car parking improving those areas. The next Ely Air Races Committee meeting will be October 18, 2018 at 7 pm at the airport terminal building.

4.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of Short Term Hangar Space for Both Air Med Companies and Current Tenants for Storage of their Aircraft Regarding the South Hangar

Reach reported there is rail movement with the door opening and closing on the South Hangar. County Maintenance will be contacted to check on the door. Lance Gale reported the door situation will need to be solved before placing the two air med planes in the hangar. Lance inquired of Richard Barber if he would agree to move his two airplanes into the Jet Center hangar temporarily. Richard agreed to move his two airplanes into the Jet Center hangar as soon as he could. Dan Netcher and Tom Lawrence will be housing their airplanes in hangar 2. Mike Coster prefers to stay in hangar 1 at this time.

Dan Netcher stated the crew working on the runways do not like airplanes taking off on the gravel road. He stated it isn't a problem, just make sure the construction workers aren't close and do not fly over them.

Richard Barber asked for clarification that when the runway is completed the Reach airplane would move back to the Ely Jet Center hangar and he would return to the hangar 1. He was given an affirmative that was the plan.

5. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects Including Update on Supplemental Taxiway Funding

The contractor is running on schedule and the main runway could be open on October 20th. The taxiway should be open by November 1st.

The FAA has a three year funding package and Nevada is to receive a large amount of funding. Yelland Field was ranked as one of the top priority projects after Mr. Haukohl visited in December 2017 and saw the condition of the taxiway.

Tim Parish expressed frustration to having everything torn up at the same time rather than completing it in two phases. He stated it has hurt business and been an inconvenience in regards to paying for fuel and restroom use. Dan Netcher stated some pilots are saying Ely Jet Center and Ely don't care about the pilots with all the inconvenience.

6.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion on Possible New Hangar Space to be Built By and For the Latest Air Med Service Company

Lance Gale reported the Board of County Commissioners has approved for up to 10,000 sq ft to be used by MedX One to build a hangar and office space. This fits into the airport masterplan. He stated a contract will be coming forth.

7. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the BLM Modular Units on the South End of the Airport

This project is 60% complete with the modular units to arrive later this month. All the plumbing is completed and the electrical upgrade will be completed. Modular units will be left on their wheels. In the future the old weather station may become a wash basin.

8. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Ely Jet Center 24/7 Fuel Pumps and the Location

Armstrong completed three options for the location of a fuel pump so that pilots can fuel their planes themselves and pay with a fuel credit card. Option one with the fuel pump located just out from the FBO building was chosen. A few tie downs on both ends of the area will be lost but this is not considered a big issue. The Ely Jet Center will continue to use the fueling trucks when they have to fuel a plane that can't get to the pumps.

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

None

10. INFORMATION ONLY: REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGER

Lance Gale reported:

1: He recently discovered the airport owns a de-icing machine. It is a truck equipped with a boon and hose to spray for de-icing. It was scheduled to be part of the County auction but Lance had it pulled from the list.

2: County maintenance has been working on the sweeper owned by the airport. By cleaning the runways ourselves we can save money in the budget.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Have a standing agenda item for Airport usage; Report on Ely Air Races to be held June 13 – 15, 2019; Clarification on advisory board meetings & special meetings

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Netcher announced that he would not be seeking re-appointment to the Airport Advisory Board. Lance Gale stated he felt bad about the operations being hurt by the airport improvements but all will be great once completed. More pilots are moving to Ely and looking for hangar space. He feels opportunities are going to open up.

13. *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. Lloyd Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: November 6, 2018