

## **WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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

**Location:** Ely Jet Center

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

**Also Present:** Geri Wopschall, Richard Barber, Tim Keough with USDA, Mike Coster (10:30), 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: October 2, 2018**

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

### **2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report**

Tim Parish presented the Airport Usage spreadsheet. It was noted activity is down approximately 30% due to the construction.

### **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 will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7 pm at the airport terminal building. The waiver for the air races is in place but additional waivers will be required for other events. A day of events catering to the County residents is being considered. The C-130 with jumpers will be at the event all three days, war birds from Las Vegas and T6's from Fallon will be in attendance. Twelve to sixteen planes plan to participate. The course may have to move some to the North due to buildings. Materials recycled from the runway project will be put in the areas used for RV and car parking improving those areas.

Lloyd Phillips stated the Commissioners have pulled back on wanting to finance the event and encouraged supporters to attend the Commission meeting to speak under public comment. Lance Gale confirmed the Commission approved the event but the question of finances for the budget is still hanging out there.

### **4. INFORMATION ONLY: Clarification on Advisory Board Meetings & Special Meetings**

Lloyd Phillips read Mike Wheable's email response to the members: "I believe they can meet once a month and the chairman can set that schedule. The board need only have an agenda item for that and vote on it.

The chairman of the advisory board can request a special meeting. If the board members are available, the meeting can be held at anytime, so long as all the OML notice requirements are complied with just the same as they would for a regular meeting".

**5.\*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: For the Airport Advisory Board to Hold Monthly Meetings or to Continue to Meet Quarterly**

Lloyd Phillips requested this not be acted upon until some decisions have been made regarding the air races. He feels this will dictate rather monthly or quarterly meetings are needed. All agreed.

**6. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects**

The asphaltting is completed. Grading of the shoulders of the runway, grinding of seams of the main runway and runway grooving is being completed. On Monday the electricians will be installing lighting and signage. The new wind cone and backup generator will also be installed in the coming week. NODUMS that have expired will be reposted. All airport access should be completed and open by November 16<sup>th</sup>. The FAA wants to hold a ribbon cutting when the project is totally completed. A FAA Inspector should be here on November 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**7. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Navy Hangar Improvement Project**

Lance Gale reported the Building Inspector left a list of things to be fixed. To date new lighting has been installed and some electrical issues fixed. Soon access to the old offices will be eliminated. The County Maintenance has temporarily fixed the hangar doors and will complete a permanent fix in the spring.

MedX One will be moving a conex in for a temporary office and storage until their hangar is built. Electricity will be ran to it. Tim Keough confirmed MedX One is still planning on building a hangar. Lance Gale confirmed it has approved for up to 10,000 sq ft to be used by MedX One to build a hangar and office space by the Board of Commissioners.

Lloyd Phillips inquired if it was still the plan to continue to painting the exterior of the Navy Hangar. Lance Gale responded as long as there is the money which he thinks there will be.

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

The Modular units will arrive on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Modular units will follow the color scheme of the other buildings and be left on their wheels. In the future the old weather station may become a wash basin. BLM is leasing the property from the County.

**9. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on “Mock Drill” at the Airport on October 18, 2018**

Locals participated in the National Earthquake Mock Drill at the airport. Some improvements can be made but overall the mock drill went well.

**10. INFORMATION ONLY: Volunteer Day set for June 7, 2019 “Weed Control Project”**

In previous years the Steptoe Weed Board has completed weed spraying at the fairgrounds. This year they would like to spray weeks at the airport. The Steptoe Weed Board will have individuals to handle the weed spraying while other volunteers will help with cleaning up the grounds prior to the air races.

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

Not present.

**12. INFORMATION ONLY: REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGER**

Lance Gale reported:

1: A letter was read by Lance from the FAA recommending not using DEF in jet fuel. Tim Parish confirmed that DEF is not used at the local airport.

2: Notice was received that the application for the electric car was declined. This was a good note for a couple of reasons. One: the grant covered 60% and the match would have been 40%. Two: The D.A. stated the County cannot provide transportation to individuals driving county vehicles due to liability. Therefore a courtesy car can't be provided by the county.

**13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**14. 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; Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects;

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was inquired about the process to recruit advisory board members. Lori Romero stated she could get with Nicole Baldwin to see about her advertising the vacancy.

**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. Tim Parish seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2018**