

## WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

**Date:** Tuesday, August 6 2019

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

**Location:** Ely Jet Center

**Present:** Tim Parish, Richard Barber, Lloyd Phillips Airport Manager Lance Gale, Commission Liaison Laurie Carson

**Also Present:** Geri Wopschall, Tim Keough , Commissioner Shane Bybee and Lori Romero, Secretary

### CALL TO ORDER

Tim Parish 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 2, 2019** – Lloyd Phillips made the motion to approve the minutes. Richard Barber seconded the motion. All approved.

### 2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report

Tim Parish presented the Airport Usage spreadsheet.

### 3. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects

Lance Gale stated the 2019 project is the South ramp, which will take place in August or September taking 7 to 10 days to complete. The Navy Hangar door rails will be fixed at that same time. The 2018 project has been completed. Commissioner Bybee state the work completed was impressive. The final project will be the fencing of the airport. A mesh fencing will be requested to help keep the animals off the airport.

### 4. INFORMATION ONLY: Discussion “Day at the Airport” Events

“Day at the Airport” is scheduled for Sept 7, 2019. Lance Gale reported a War Bird T6 will be attending for display and offering rides (cost of \$1300 to have them participate), Re-Max air balloon for tethered rides (cost of \$1200 to have them participate), drones from the Cooperative Extension, Steve Campbell with RC planes, Reach & MedX One will have displays and Larry Cheek will have a display. Lance Gale suggested a \$5 fee be charged for the air balloon rides. Laurie Carson stated it must be clear what is free and what is not.

Richard Barber stated he has been in contact with Young Eagles organizations in Hurricane, Provo and Monticello about participating to provide rides for the kids. He will continue to work on this.

Tim Parish suggested he could see if Ely Jet Center would donate fuel for the T6 to get Ely and back home. He will also contact the different food trucks in the community about participating.

Lloyd Phillips will take care of flyers for the event by contacting Kyle at Tourism & Rec. Lance Gale will contact the radio stations and use of the digital board by Mt. Wheeler.

Lance Gale will also contact the City Fire to see if they would like to participate with the ARFF truck.

**5. \*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval of Commercial User Fees**

Tim Parish stated some concerns were brought forward by Mr. Coster at the last meeting regarding fees collected. He stated the Advisory Board doesn't have oversight over the Airport Manager or fees at the airport. The Airport Manager has never involved the board in leases or fees. When Steve Stork was Airport Manager an agreement was made with Ely Jet Center (FOB) to collect all fees...retain half and half goes to the County, plus keep track of usage at the airport. Tim added there are not a lot of commercial user fees collected on the FOB side.

Lance Gale presented several handouts with commercial user fees collected over the last year.

10:05 Commissioner Shane Bybee left the meeting.

**6. \*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Approval to Schedule the Mock Exercise at the Ely Airport**

Lance gave some background to the requirements for the mock exercise. Richard Barber stated he felt it was appropriate to have a night training. It was the consensus for Lance to work with EMS and the Sheriff's Dept. to establish a date & time in the first part of October that would work best for all. This will be put on the September 3, 2019 agenda for further discussion.

**7. INFORMATION ONLY: Updates/Reports from Commission Liaison Laurie Carson**

Laurie Carson echoed Lance's report about the Board of Commissioners supporting the "Day at the Airport" event and approving funding. She inquired if any of the board members had seen the handbook for Advisory Boards available at the Clerk's Office. There being a negative response she will see about one for the board members.

It was noted to ensure all the sponsors of the funding for the "Day at the Airport" be recognized. Sponsors being White Pine County, Silver Lion Farm, Kinross (Bald Mtn.), Pan Mine and the Airport Advisory Board.

**8. INFORMATION ONLY: Report from the Airport Manager**

Lance Gale reported:

1. County Commission approved the heliport at the hospital. It will be registered & approved with the FAA. The hospital will be paying for the project to be completed in 60 – 90 days.
2. Nellis Airforce will be visiting today.
3. New radios & antennas installed.
4. Wind sock ready to be installed on the East side.
5. Mowing around aprons and runways to be completed before "Day at the Airport".

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS: For County Commission Agenda Items**

None

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS: For Airport Advisory Board Agenda Items**

Agenda items were: usage report; Update on Airport Capital Improvement Projects; Day at the Airport Events; Action item to schedule the mock exercise

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Keough cautioned the board members regarding private pilots offering rides at the "Day at the Airport" to make sure they are current in their licenses and have insurance.

Geri Wopschall informed the board members this would be last time of attending their meeting. She offered if the board needs help getting information out to the public to send it to her for posting on White Pine Talking.

**11. \*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. Lloyd Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date: September 3, 2019**