

## WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.,

**Location:** Ely Jet Center

**Present:** Tim Parish, Dan Netcher, Mike Coster, Greg Rivero, Airport Manager Bill Calderwood

**Also Present:** Tim Keogh, Nick Lopez, Ken Moen with Armstrong Consultants (phone) and Secretary Lori Romero

### CALL TO ORDER

Dan Netcher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mike Coster thanked Lori Romero for the draft agenda that comes out and her quick response to emails.

**1.\*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: MINUTES-CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL: August 1, 2023** – Mike Coster made the motion to approve the minutes. Dan Netcher seconded the motion. All approved.

### **2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report – Tim Parish**

The usage report for August was presented.

### **3. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on Airport Operations**

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood gave his contact information to the board members.

#### **A. Crosswind Runway**

#### **B. Monthly review of lease and rental agreements, including Hangar 1 and related payments received to include detail of monthly rents, ramp and tie down collections, and fuel flowage fees**

A. Airport Manager Bill Calderwood stated a map of all the utilities has been completed. It will be enlarged and hung in the office in the terminal building.

B. He met with County Manager Mike Wheable regarding the runway 12/30 and getting it finished. The original contract was price per foot. Funding to complete the project was not included in the current budget. A request will be going before the Board of County Commissioners requesting the \$8400 needed to complete the project. If the commissioners approve the request it will be completed in 2023.

C. The generator has been checked and is ready to work. If there is a flashing red light the generator is in force.

D. It was reported there are some things to be completed from the inspection. Shawn Burke with the Jackpot Airport would like to see the small airport managers to join NVAA for representation of the small airports. A focus group to hold meetings by zoom to complete an airport inventory of small airports with needs like poor runways.

E. The pavement maintenance project for the main apron has been approved. The project for the pavement maintenance of runway 18/36 and taxiway have been closed. Bill Calderwood will be working with Armstrong Consultants to submit final reports.

F. Cameras and signage still need to be installed for the courtesy car.

G. The balance of \$640 left from the grant for the HVAC for the crash building was spent on cleaning supplies. The balance couldn't be used for the water access for the gliders as originally suggested.

H. The County Commission approved the three tier hangar rental space and fees. Board members requested copies of the narrative description for the tiers and would like to review all airport fees in the near future.

I. Bill Calderwood will contact Tri-Weed District about cost to sterilize edges of the runways next year to eliminate having to kill the weeds regularly.

J. The doors on hangar 1 have been moved and seem to be working good.

K. L3Harris Communications changed out some equipment that had to do with the ASOS. The work order came through the FAA. ASOS seems to be working better.

L. Bill has been hauling loads of garbage to the dump, taking classes offered by the Finance Office to learn to pay the airport bills and is working on leases with Lisa Scoble in the Treasurer's Office.

Dan Netcher stated his contract says he will complete minor maintenance and the County will perform major maintenance. Mike Coster reported there are some florescent light fixtures out in hangar 1. Tim Keogh reported there are some lights out on the runways and wind sock that he will work with Bill on fixing.

Mike Coster and Dan Netcher expressed problems with the BLM smoke jumper's supervisor and the locking of the gate due to security.

#### **4. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Great American Eclipse- October 14, 2023**

Greg Rivero stated the hotels are booked at about 98% occupancy. There is a meeting for the public at 5:30 on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the convention center to continue to plan for the weekend. Tim Parish stated he had one inquiry regarding space for an aircraft.

#### **5. \*DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Airport's involvement and accommodations for Solar Eclipse weekend**

Mike Coster stated he had seen a logo on a post card showing the airport as observing area and was wanting clarification on the airport's participation.

#### **6. \*DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Clarification on T-Hangars and their specific use**

Nick Lopez reported he had spoken with Alexa Gale on leasing her hangars but he wanted to clarify how they could be used. Nick indicated he would lease the hangars, use one to store his aircraft and rent the additional space to others for their needs. Dan Netcher and Tim Parish stated hangar use was changed to strictly use for aviation when Lance Gale was airport manager and that was in line with FAA regulations. Armstrong Consultant Ken Moen state FAA hangar use is in place. Aircraft is first priority and use of the area around for other storage. He will send a copy to Bill Calderwood to share with the board. Mike Coster suggested the board look at the documents to see what is possible because they don't want to compete with the local storage businesses.

#### **7. DISCUSSION ONLY: Reno Air Races and state requirements for future events**

Mike Coster stated he requested this be put on the agenda to address some of the resident's questions regarding why White Pine wasn't pursuing the air races. Mike referred to the article reading off the four main requirements: 1) suitable primary and secondary runway lengths of 7000' or more  
2) Land area with open, unobstructed space to allow for all 7 current race classes (roughly 4,800 acres)

- 3) Available hangar space – minimum 50,000 sq. ft. (can be multiple facilities) or, office/operations/briefing space, suitable parking areas/capacity, and RV/camping available space, propane and waste dump services
- 4) Proximity to adequate population center with hotel capacity, airline access and rental car availability
- Mike Coster concluded the local airport doesn't meet any of the four requirements.

**8. INFORMATION ONLY: Low & Slow Aviation LLC**

Tim Keogh introduced his new business. He has a contract with NDOW with most of his hours will be outside White Pine County. His business will provide a service while they try to find a pilot to fill the local open position. Commercial operator fees will apply to his business. It was clarified government aircraft doesn't pay commercial fees but the contractors for the government do pay the commercial fees.

Mike Coster suggested the board work on the current fee schedule to be endorsed by the board for adoption through the County Commission.

**9. INFORMATION ONLY: Updates/Reports from County Representative**

None

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS: For County Commission Agenda Item**

None

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

Agenda items were: Usage report; Airport Operations & Maintenance Report; Information Only: Update on the Great American Eclipse; Fee Schedule

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Armstrong Consultant Ken Moen pointed out NVAA has been involving smaller airports with agenda items specific for small airports and ensuring funding for small airport projects.

**12. \*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board Dan Netcher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Coster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Netcher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date: October 3, 2023**

### Yelland Field Airport Usage Report

	Private Planes	Commercial	Medical	Government	Total Enplanements
Jan-21	52	52	41	10	320
Feb-21	30	41	30	22	308
Mar-21	41	52	32	19	327
Apr-21	70	48	43	32	456
May-21	113	57	34	22	539
Jun-21	249	142	78	30	602
Jul-21	280	70	40	4	830
Aug-21	155	144	92	28	628
Sep-21	191	111	84	12	503
Oct-21	158	99	78	6	361
Nov-21	142	82	75	14	348
Dec-21	81	85	74	8	277
Yrly Total	1562	983	701	207	5499

	Private Planes	Commercial	Medical	Government	Total Enplanements
Jan-22	129	140	74	27	355
Feb-22	76	128	68	45	329
Mar-22	114	105	70	33	369
Apr-22	162	93	50	23	360
May-22	170	95	86	51	443
Jun-22	390	96	84	20	466
Jul-22	649	122	52	31	781
Aug-22	160	99	83	30	496
Sep-22	163	99	102	25	462
Oct-22	212	101	63	15	455
Nov-22	118	50	84	8	307
Dec-22	87	64	105	23	359
Yrly Total	2430	1192	921	331	5182

	Private Planes	Commercial	Medical	Government	Total Enplanements
Jan-23	59	211	102	14	401
Feb-23	88	85	92	16	365
Mar-23	55	101	78	36	399
Apr-23	157	97	56	18	370
May-23	212	82	92	24	514
Jun-23	391	52	82	12	529
Jul-23	639	79	94	8	809
Aug-23	230	90	90	30	633
Sep-23					
Oct-23					
Nov-23					
Dec-23					
Yrly Total	1831	797	686	158	4020