

**Townsend City-County Airport Board Meeting
August 17th, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Flynn Building**

Board Members Present: Adam MacDonald, Bob Hollister
Via phone conference: Jessica Lancello, Rob Bargatze
Commissioner: Darrel Folkvord
City Rep: Angie Wintrow
Admin Assistant:

Adam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of the July 20th, 2022 minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by all board members.

Discussion on a fuel price change: Adam asked the board if a fuel price change should be considered. After discussion, a decision was made to leave the fuel price the same at \$6.97 and wait to see if fuel prices stabilize. This will be revisited at the next board meeting.

Dwight Thompson Hangar Lease: The board discussed the lease agreement. Dwight mentioned that he had received his lease payment statement from the county and it has been paid. A motion was made to approve the Dwight Thompson hangar lease for the Canyon Ferry Airport. The motion was seconded and approved by all board members. Darrel will take the lease to the Commission for final approval.

RPA Update: Lance was unable to attend. Darrel read the update to the board. Items were: Appraisers were contacted for the land acquisition process; their schedule could be 60 days out. The engineering design phase has started on the Airport Improvement Project.

The board welcomed Dwight Thompson as the new Airport Manager/Caretaker. Dwight has previous experience as an airport manager. There was a discussion about the duties of this position. It was determined that the board will work collectively to help Dwight develop a list of duties and expectations.

Carport Update: Darrel reported that the order has been put on hold pending a response back to the company that the groundwork has been completed for the building to sit on. When the order was placed it was not communicated by the company to the board this was a requirement. Rob agreed to follow up with the company.

Airport Camera System Update: Bob reported that Montana Aeronautics is waiting for the camera systems to arrive. Once they arrive Aeronautics will schedule a time to install the system. There may be a requirement to help with the installation of power to the camera system. Aeronautics expected the cameras to arrive by the end of September.

Peter Wolfgram sent an email suggesting the board look into the SayWeather reporting system for pilot advisories at the airport as an alternative to an AWOS or ASOS system. Rob has had some experience with these systems and felt they were reliable. This will be a future discussion for the board's consideration.

A letter and several emails were received about the condition of the Canyon Ferry Airport. Adam responded to the letter and emails explaining the board was between airport managers and that the condition will be corrected. The county has mowed the

runway and tiedown area. The airport is operational. There was a discussion about what can be done in the future to prevent this from happening again. The county Weed Coordinator, Jessica Bushnell, will attend the next board meeting and make application recommendations to the board for consideration next year.

Land Acquisition Report: Darrel repeated Lance's comments about appraisers being 60 days out.

It was mentioned that the Spokane Airway Beacon is operational again. The repairs were made by Mike Rogan, Bill Malone, Ken Brug, and Darrel Folkvord.

New Business: Adam was asked to read a statement to the board that John Sindelar has tentatively sold his hangar.

Bob asked if we should check the fuel quantity at the airport to see if we need to order fuel. Adam and Dwight were going to meet at the airport and Adam was going to instruct Dwight on how to measure and sump fuel.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be September 21st, 2022 in the Flynn Building at 7 p.m.

Voting Members of the Airport Board: Adam MacDonald(Chair) Bob Hollister, Robert Bargatze, Jessica Lancello; Non Voting: Commissioner: Darrel Folkvord; City Rep: Angie Wintrow

Approved By:

Chair: _____ Date _____
Adam MacDonald