

## Final

Boundary County Airport Board Meeting August 2, 2022.

Present: Don Jordan, Pat Gardiner, Rick Durden, Bob Blanford, Johannes Snyder, Dalin Hubbard and Caleb Davis (who attended in a non-official capacity—he resigned from the Airport Board after becoming employed by Congressman Russ Fulcher).

Manager: Dave Parker

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Don Jordan.

Bob Blanford identified an error in the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting (there was no July meeting)—an extra sentence at the end of Hangar Use Rule 3 on page 7 of the minutes needed to be deleted. Pat Gardiner moved that the minutes of the June 7 meeting be approved as corrected by Mr. Blanford. Rick Durden seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Hilt Hangar Update**

Dave Parker reported that the site has been leveled, drainage ditches constructed, and concrete pouring is underway. The metal for the structure has been delivered.

#### **Grant Updates**

The Environmental Assessment (EA) is moving ahead slowly. The FAA has commented on the first draft, it has been revised and resubmitted. There have been delays in contacting the power company that owns the lines that will have to be moved at the south end of the runway.

The grant for the work to repair and refurbish pavement on the aircraft is nearly complete. There was an overage as the total length of larger cracks that had to be filled turned out to be more than twice as large as the engineering estimate—possibly due to the delay in getting the work accomplished from last summer to this spring. Dave Parker is working on resolving the overage and closing out the grant.

#### **Idaho Initiative Funding Update**

Dave Parker reported that under the Idaho Initiative Funding program, the airport is receiving state funds for improvements that require no County matching funds. The intent is to purchase a tractor with auger, snowblower and flail mower—presently the best deal is for a 135-HP John Deere. There was discussion as to the manufacturer of mower to be purchased for the tractor. Pat Gardiner moved to direct Dave Parker to purchase a mower and use his discretion as to the manufacturer. Bob Blanford seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Dave Parker reported that the money being received under the Initiative has allowed the airport to replace the AWOS (Automated Weather Observing System) computer—which had failed completely after some months of breakdowns and repairs. The new system is online, and the FAA has certified it for use.

There will be some funds remaining from the Initiative and the intention is to use them to construct a lean-to on each side of the Snow Removal Equipment building. Mr. Parker reported that the FAA has no objection to the use of state funds for such construction. Mr. Parker has received one bid of \$73,000 for materials and labor to build the lean-tos, well above what was expected and more than the money available. He is going to get more bids and also explore buying the materials and storing them until money is available for construction.

### **Construction Easement for Owner Adjacent to Midfield for Erosion Control**

This is needed and has not been moving. Dave Parker said that he will take steps to get the appropriate people focused and moving.

### **New Hangar Update**

Dave Parker reported that in Row D hangars are being constructed now. D8 has had the concrete poured and the framing is going up. The land is prepared for hangar D7; it should start construction soon. The application fee has been received for D6, but the lease contract has not been drawn up.

### **Fencing North End**

Dave Parker reported that he had explored moving the current fence at the north end of the main parking lot further north to increase the number of parking spaces available. The parking lot had completely filled up at the most recent EAA Chapter 757 pancake breakfast. He received a bid of \$5,432. He will research options further.

### **July EAA Chapter 757 Huckleberry Pancake Breakfast**

Rick Durden reported that 203 adults and 19 children came through the pancake line and \$2,041 was raised for aviation scholarships.

### **New Business**

#### **Airport Manager Update**

Dave Parker reported accomplishing a great deal since the last Board meeting, including:

Repair weather damaged taxiway reflectors

Install fan in men's bathroom

Creating and spreading gravel to establish parking areas for hangar row C

Apply poison for gopher control

Reconstruct roads in the hangar areas using box blade rippers

Spray broadleaf weeds around the terminal area and infield

Smooth hangar row C road and improve hangar access and utility

Work on drainage in hangar areas so that water will flow smoothly north to south

Box blade hangar C road edges

Finish installation of large rocks to prevent vehicles in hangar areas from being driven on and causing damage to turf areas

Mow the entire airport

Service JD mower

Repair hangar F door lock

Spray weeds along east, south and west fencelines

Mow and spray weeds by Wheatley property

Mark out future hangar sites

Layout water line to Hilt and Wurzel hangars and oversee digging

Meet with Daniel Melville regarding potential development of an airport along the river near Moyie Springs

Bring in three loads of 3/4-inch gravel for parking areas

Spec out tractor options with John Deere and Kubota dealers

Use his personal flail mower to mow areas on the airport

Oversee completion of airport pavement rehab

Justify grant match needed for 2023 to the County

Cement the floor in the women's bathroom

Oversee AWOS installation and FAA inspection and certification of system

July 11 meeting with County Commissioners regarding state money for tractor

See that hangar/land lease agreements were signed for Wisberg, Morrison and Morder hangars

### **Upriver Airport Development Plan**

Dave Parker reported that he met with Daniel Melville who wants to develop a two-runway airport along the north side of the Kootenai River downstream of Moyie Springs. Plans are tentative, but it appears that it would cater to users of ultralight aircraft and general recreational flying. Mr. Parker said that he would keep us apprised of developments.

### **Caleb Davis Resignation**

It was the consensus of the Board that the resignation of Caleb Davis was accepted with much reluctance because of the many contributions he made during his time on the Board. Board members commended him for the work he had done and the value of the knowledge that he brought regarding specialized areas of Idaho law concerning public meetings as well as his insights into land use.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.