

Airport Board Meeting September 6, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM PDT

Airport Terminal Building Pilot's Lounge

Present: Pat Gardiner, Caleb Davis, Don Jordan, Jay Wages, Mark Weber,
Trey Dail from Toothman-Orton, Dave Parker, Airport Manager.

Johannes Snyder, Kambiz Kamiab, Joseph Gish, Lester Martin, Jessie Stafford, Travis Wisberg

OLD BUSINESS

Hilt Hangar: Slab is poured, steel frame is going up.

Grant Updates: Runway crack repair project had more cracks that were in need of repair than anticipated. This caused the FAA money allotted in 2022 to be exceeded. We are submitted additional paperwork and expect to be fully reimbursed by the FAA in 2023. We will have to cover paying the contractor until then.

Environmental Assessment update: Dave and Trey have a conference call with the FAA on Sept 7 to try to resolve EA holdup and move on with projects. Possibility of categorical exclusion for the Power Line realignment and the Erosion Control Easement.

Idaho Initiative Funding Update: AWOS is in, flail Mower arrived, John Deere 135 horsepower tractor is ordered along with Snow Blower, Front Loader and Front Bucket. Dave is getting estimates and looking at options for the lean to roof on the SRE building. The Idaho grant money has been very helpful for upgrading the Airport facilities and equipment, at little or no cost to the County.

Power Line Relocation: Trey has not been able to get much response from the power line owners. He is communicating with their upper management to attempt to move it along. That work is slated for next year. This is contingent on The EA completion, or exclusion.

Erosion Control, Midfield: 25 loads of Dump Trucks of dirt/fill packed into sinkholes with the JD 644K Loader between the runway and the eroding bank. The EA is holding up stabilization work on the erosion. An easement for construction access / restoration will need to be finalized. Trey will be trying to make contact.

Fence relocation North of Northern Air hangar: Dave is getting estimates and looking at options. The fence relocation will allow better access to the back of the Northern hangars, and make more parking available for Pancake Breakfasts and events.

NEW BUSINESS

Offord/Wetzel Hangar: Hangar is for sale, lease is up in 2025. Don and Dave inspected the hangar on 8/16/22. Jan Lee, retired home inspector from Sandpoint and a local builder also

looked over the structure with Dave. The consensus is that the structure may not be adequate to withstand a major snow storm. A local pilot is interested in purchasing the hangar and is aware that it needs significant work.

Ultra Light and Powered Parachute operation: Powered parachute operation is increasing. Their use, along with Ultra Light aircraft, may need to be addressed with an appropriate use policy. Intent is not to restrict use, but to minimize conflicts between the very slow and lower altitude light aircraft and higher speed certified aircraft. This is tabled for further discussion.

Airport Manager Update: Gary Gates, FAA, inspected the Airport. Pavement report was good, minor upgrades to a few runway markers and lights are needed. Overall impression from the FAA was the Airport is in very good shape. Comments that the uniformity of hangar colors presents well.

The Airport is entering into a standard use agreement with the Forest Service for staging helicopters SE of the runway as part of the firefighting effort. They will pay the Airport \$600/day. Maintenance after they leave will be up to County.

Dave met with the new N. Bench Fire Chief, Tony Shope. Status remains the same; they need their own property and the FAA requirement that land (if it is even possible to sell), must sell at market value makes it difficult for them to stay at their current location. They continue to look for an alternative location. The Airport will continue to do what we can for the Fire Department, within our limitations.

New Hangar construction: Sam Testa has made application for a new hangar, 42'x52', to be North of the Hilt Hangar. Several other pilots are interested in hangar space. Space along the existing taxiways is becoming limited; it will be a few years before the existing taxiways can be extended.

Misc. Airport manager activities:

Repaired keypad base at swinging gate that was hit by a car.

Increased mowing along N fence by highway.

Checked and repaired runway lights.

Kept track of new hangar construction, several inspections of Hilt hangar.

Purchased new Stihl string trimmer.

Repaired weed sprayer mount.

Met with Mike Davis, Iron Mike, concerning his planned addition, which will not be an issue.

Continued weed control efforts.

Delt with an aircraft that had some damage from a hard landing.

Met with Forest Service multiple times about helicopters and fire fighting efforts.

Met with new County Staff that assist with paperwork and grants.

Reviewed EA RFR's for accuracy and submitted to Courthouse or Payment.

Fuel Sales:
Jet A 2552
100LL 4439