

MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 19, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Warren Bauer, Ted Thompson, Skip Sobien, Tim Healy, AJ Lewis, Bill Best

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Hibbard

**REPRESENTATIVES:**

**GUESTS:**

**TRANSCRIBER:** Amy Pearson

**MINUTES:**

Skip Sobien made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Warren Bauer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

Bob Viramontes, the new airport mechanic, was present to observe the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Instrument Approach Procedure Changes**

Toby's notes to Ted said that the data from the survey has been entered and that information was needed before we could get the approach. Carry forward.

**Replacement of Terminal Building**

No update, but Ted did speak with Toby Epler, JUB, to see what facilities they may need to appropriately offer a maintenance apprenticeship program here. Ted asked if there was any way to double the size of the hangar they want to build. Toby told him there was no way that the FAA will fund it but there may be other resource such as the State Department of Commerce that may be able to help since it would be producing for the workforce. Carry forward.

**Airport Drainage**

No update. Carry forward.

**ADA Improvements**

No update. Carry forward.

**Airport License**

Ted has not heard from Alpine Aviation reference their licensing. Carry forward.

**FAA Funding and Projects**

Toby's notes to Ted said that they are putting the PAPIs and REIL replacement project advertisement out in early April with the bid opening in mid-May. JUB is planning on the construction phase starting in late summer/early fall based on FAA funding availability at the time. It will be a nighttime construction and will be completed in three or four weeks. Carry forward.

**Above Ground Fuel Storage**

Ted said they are moving forward and the tank should be delivered on March 20, 2019. Ted is not sure when the containment construction will begin as it has not been designed yet. He would like to have it all

sorted out by the end of the month. Ted said that it will also generate some money for the city from the .05 a gallon flowage fee. Ted said that the council assured him that the revenue would be for the airport. Carry forward.

### **Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship Program**

Ted explained that this is a program that they first heard about at a Chamber of Commerce Education Workforce Building Committee meeting. There was a Department of Labor representative present who runs apprenticeship programs for the Department of Labor. He explained that there is a program that the military is offering to their separating service members where they can go work in an apprenticeship for the last six months of their military service time and the Department of Defense will continue to pay their salary.

What Ted is proposing to do with the military personnel is to provide a long term apprenticeship program so that they could use their VA money help pay for it. Ted has spoken to Idaho State University and they are very interested in helping him set up the program. (The FAA only allows 25 students a year in the program and it is a two year program.) It turns out that the department head and the program chair himself are both retired military personnel and are very interested in helping the military personnel on the base here, particularly get into the aircraft mechanic business because there is a shortage. The university brings the academic side of the program to the table and the potential for the VA funding so that we don't have to worry about developing a program that will meet VA rules, we would just provide the instruction and the facility. Ted said that Bob Viramontes, the new airport mechanic, is perfectly qualified to do that and they've already spoken with the FAA and they are very excited about it. Ted and Bob are thinking of ways that they can offer up our facilities to have hands-on training. Ted said it may become an Idaho State University program. There are several options for the program. Ted said he would continue to work on this item and update the committee members in 60 days. Carry forward.

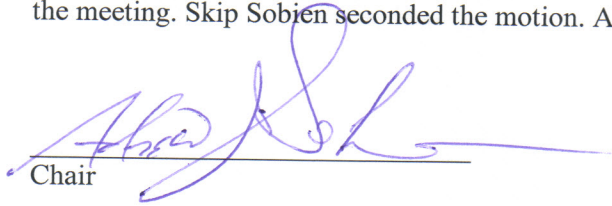
## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

BLM wants to change their retardant pit and make significant improvements. Ted does not know all the details of it, but the major issue right now is getting electrical power to the pit. They also want to put another semi-permanent office trailer next to the BLM trailer that would be there year round and would have 100 amp (120) power to it. Ted didn't ask them about sewer but he doesn't think that is a major issue. The more difficult matter is getting power to the pits because they want 480-100 amp or a minimum 240-200 amp three-phase power and there isn't any three-phase power on the airport. Ted believes there is three-phase across Airbase Road and it would be a matter of laying this in the same conduit that brings the power to the airport and then run it down to the pits. Tim said that it is extremely expensive to go that far and asked who was paying for it. Ted said that he does not know who would be paying for it, that is for someone else to determine, not the FBO. Skip thought that BLM could directly negotiate with Idaho Power as long as city council approves it. Tim also had an idea. He said that there is three-phase at the city well just inside the fence and they wouldn't have to go under Airbase. Ted thinks it is a very positive step that BLM wants to upgrade the tank. Ted will need to take it before the council for approval and wanted the airport committee to be aware of what was going on and get the approval to go before council. The reason Ted wants to be sure that it is on April's agenda is that Idaho Power said it would take a couple of months to get it done once Ted gets the approval and BLM needs it to be operational by mid-June so it can be checked and ready by the end of June for fire season. Item added to the April agenda for further discussion.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Warren Bauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Skip Sobien seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



Chair

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 16, 2019 MEETING**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Instrument Approach Procedure Changes  
Replacement of Terminal Building  
Airport Drainage  
ADA Improvements  
Airport License  
FAA Funding and Projects  
Above Ground Fuel Storage  
Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship Program

**NEW BUSINESS**

BLM Retardant Pit Improvements  
Weed Control