

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Thompson, Skip Sobien, AJ Lewis, Paul Hibbard, Warren Bauer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Best, Tim Healy

REPRESENTATIVES: Councilman Schipani; Public Works Director Rich Urquidi; Toby Epler – JUB Engineers, Inc.

GUESTS:

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Ted Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2019 meeting. Skip Sobien seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

Instrument Approach Procedure Changes

Ted said that the approach is slated for July 20, 2020. He asked Toby to ask the FAA while they are doing their light check on the PAPIS if they would also check the instrument approach and departures. Carry forward.

Replacement of Terminal Building

No update. Carry forward.

Airport Drainage

No update. Carry forward.

ADA Improvements

Rich said he would look into a project for this fiscal year, either the desk or bathrooms. Carry forward.

Airport License

Alpine Aviation left and all the other airport licenses are current. Item closed.

FAA Funding and Projects

Toby and Rich have an upcoming meeting with the FAA to discuss next year's project possibly being a seal coat and crack fill of all the airfield pavement. The PAPI and REIL project is completed and are just waiting for the flight check to come in. Toby said it may complicate matters asking them to do a dual flight check, but he thinks that is the best approach for convenience. Carry forward.

Above Ground Fuel Storage

Project is waiting on the contractor as he is backed up on projects. Carry forward.

Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship Program

Ted said they were approved for a grant, but when it was time to sign the contract there were terms that we could not guarantee at this time. The grant would have made it to where they would have to guarantee 48 students a year, not to mention there was a significant delay to access of funds which would halt the

program as well. Ted said they are reconsidering how long the program should be. Ideally it would be one week, but they are not sure that the participants would be able to pass their testing within that timeline. They also would not have had access to the Air Force or Army Guard money because they have not approved those programs yet even though they have been discussing them for a year. Carry forward.

Discussion/Decision on Proposed Jet Fuel Flowage Fees

AJ did not like the language used on the proposal for new flowage fee rates. Specifically, he was concerned that the two-tier fee structure was unfair towards non-contract transient aircraft. The proposed fee is five-times higher than what locally based commercial operators are being charged. AJ quoted an FAA document, AC-100: Q&A's - FBO Industry Consolidation and Pricing Practices, that says airport sponsors should be transparent in the development of airport user fees imposed and include an explanation of how fees are developed and what operating costs are being recovered. AJ doesn't feel we have adequately shown an operating cost that is being recovered by charging transient-operators a fee five-times higher than the FBO's fee. Instead, AJ would like to see a single fee structure that is applied evenly to all airport users. Additionally, AJ wanted clarification as to the intent of the proposed flowage fee and who it applies to. Right now the proposed flowage fees are written to apply to all commercial operations which pump jet fuel on the airport. However, AJ says FAA Order 5190.6B specifically states that aircraft owners using their own equipment to pump their own gas are not considered commercial operators. If we want to add a fuel flowage fee to anyone self-fueling on the airport that needs to be specifically stated in the ordinance. Finally, AJ doesn't want to charge a per-day fee for operators who bring fuel trucks on to the airfield. AJ believes the FAA has made it clear that right to self-fuel one's own aircraft is something that cannot be prevented by the airport owner. Ted thinks that a legal ruling on the right to self-fuel is required.

After a lengthy discussion on proposed amendments to the ordinance and resolutions the following recommendation was made. Skip made a motion to recommend to City Council that they increase the daily turbine powered fee from \$20.00 per day to \$25.00 per day, no matter the size of the aircraft. AJ seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Another open discussion took place regarding the implementation of flowage fees. Councilman Schipani suggested that Rich talk to the city clerk and have her email the members of the Association of Idaho Cities and ask them if their communities charge flowage fees and if so, what are the justifiable means for that charge and perhaps this information would help with our situation. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made to adopt changes made to 8-5A-7 Airport License Fees to remove section D. Firefighting Operations and change the Aircraft maintenance and inspection operations annual fee. This motion was seconded and passed. Later during the meeting it was decided that this ordinance needed more work so the motion was withdrawn until a later date when all the necessary changes were addressed.

Paul made a motion to recommend that 8-5B-7: Airport Runway Traffic Patterns Adopted be struck in its entirety as written. Skip seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Washpit Runoff

It is not clear what BLM is doing or what they would like to do at this point. Ted said ideally they would build a new base and design a new washpit and runoff they way they want it. Item closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Weed Control

Rich suggested they get jersey barrier and conduct a controlled burn of the weeds as a solution. Carry forward.

Proposed Ordinance Change

Refer to Discussion/Decision on Proposed Jet Fuel Flowage Fees topic above. Carry forward.

Airport Manager Compensation

Ted would like to request an increase in pay for his responsibilities as the airport manager. Rich and Councilman Schipani explained that Ted's salary is based on a contract so Ted needs to negotiate a new contract. Ted has not had a raise in the five years since he first took over, nor has he asked for one, but has been encouraged by a member of council to request an increase. Ted said he was not necessarily looking for a pay raise originally, but some things have changed and now he is. He asked the council during the budget process; however, it was not able to be discussed since his contract went to December 2019. Paul asked if the contract negotiation is open and how can the airport advisory committee or members of the aviation community impact that negotiation. Rich said that he will get more information on how that specifically works and let the committee know at the next meeting. Councilman Schipani said that part of the problem is that Ted's contract is on an odd cycle and suggested it may be easier to do a short term contract, such as January to October, to get him in line with the budget cycle. Carry forward.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Dan Weitz, who owns the property west of the airport, spoke to Ted about building a hangar for a turbine powered airplane. He also is very open to moving the rail and extending the runway. These are not things he would pay for, but he is very supportive.

The December meeting will have to be at an alternate location due to a prior event being scheduled in council chambers.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Skip Sobien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ted Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

Instrument Approach Procedure Changes
Replacement of Terminal Building
Airport Drainage
ADA Improvements
FAA Funding and Projects
Above Ground Fuel Storage
Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship Program
Discussion/Decision on Proposed Jet Fuel Flowage Fees
Weed Control
Proposed Ordinance Change
Airport Manager Compensation

NEW BUSINESS