

Boundary County Airport Board Meeting April 4, 2023.

Present: Don Jordan, Pat Gardiner, Rick Durden, Mark Weber, Scott Hittle, Caleb Davis and Trey Dail.

Manager: Dave Parker

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM by Don Jordan.

Pat Gardiner moved acceptance of the minutes of the March meeting, Mark Weber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Airport Manager Update

Dave Parker reported:

He and Trey Dail met with the couple who recently bought the house located on the extended runway centerline south of the airport. They discussed possible proposals for Sunrise Road and other matters that may affect the house in the future. The couple seemed amenable to possible approaches to handling such matters as future runway extension and expressed that they were relieved to get accurate information regarding the airport and future plans.

He met with the County Road and Bridge office regarding Sunrise Road and the potential for the County to take over a portion of the road.

Had conversations with the proprietor of Iron Mike's Gym and County Attorney Tevis Hull to advise that the boundary of the airport on or near Iron Mike's and the North Bench Fire building will be surveyed and steel fence posts driven on the boundary. This will be part of arranging to get the airport property on which North Bence Fire sits appraised as North Bench should be paying rent at fair market value as it is a non-aviation use of airport property.

He either fixed or began the process of fixing numerous areas of turf that were damaged during the winter, including where an aircraft went off of the south end of the runway.

He began cleaning up an area on the southwest side of the airport where equipment and material were left some time ago by an adjacent landowner.

Status on SRE Lean-To

Construction of lean-tos on either side of the Snow Removal Equipment building has already started with the cement poured, the soil set around the concrete piers and gravel is in place. Metal to be delivered soon. Construction should be complete in May.

Environmental Assessment—Update

Trey Dail reported that Chapters 1-3 were submitted to the FAA for approval last week. As soon as they are approved, Chapter 4 (the final chapter) will be submitted. Mr. Dail said that he's looking at a July completion.

Review of Slope Stabilization

Bids for construction were opened yesterday. Four were received and three were within five percent of the engineer's estimate. The low bid was within \$210 of the estimate of \$540,000. It was recommended that the County take the next steps for construction, which includes offers for the two needed construction easements—which have been sent to the property owners. Then we wait for the FAA grant so the County can contract for the work—Mr. Dail anticipates that will happen in July or August

New Business

Dave Parker Wishes to Replace Hangar H with a new 60x60 Hangar

The existing hangar is so old that it is recognized as a historic building on the airport and is in such poor shape that it's not possible to close the doors. Mr. Parker would like to replace it with a hangar that can store three or four airplanes or one large one (the current hangar can store one small airplane although the rear portion of the roof is so low, the aircraft must be of tailwheel configuration). A new lease would be required.

Pat Gardiner moved that the current hangar be replaced with a new hangar appropriate to the space available and consistent with FAA height requirements under a new lease. Further, that the existing hangar disposal be conducted in accordance with its historic designation so that it be offered to a person who would move it to another location or, if there are no takers, that it be disassembled and removed and a suitable historic plaque recognizing the hangar be placed on the new hangar. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Members pat Gardiner and Rick Durden Term Renewals

Board members Pat Gardiner and Rick Durden indicated their willingness to serve another term on the Board. Mark Weber moved that their terms be renewed. Don Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Grant Amendment Offer Signed

Dave Parker reported that the grant amendment to pay the additional \$4,000 incurred to complete the runway and taxiway crack repair and sealing was signed this will reimburse the county for money spent and allow the grant to be closed out.

Future Projects

Trey Dail provided information on future projects for the airport including taxiway construction, runway extension, new instrument approach and land/easement acquisitions in the form of a draft Capital Improvement Program for financial years 2023-2028. He mentioned that there are “lots of projects and limited funding” and that the Board will be facing a number of decisions soon. Of critical importance are relocation of the overhead power lines south of the runway and survey and design of a new instrument approach that will be needed at the conclusion of the runway extension. He suggested that it would be wise to get the power line relocation project under contract as soon as possible due to the long delays we have had in dealing with the utility that owns the lines. This was a discussion item only, no action was to be taken nor was any taken.

EAA Chapter Activities

Rick Durden reported that our local EAA Chapter 757 is again planning to hold Huckleberry Pancake Breakfasts on the last Saturday of the months May through September at the airport. In addition, it is planning a Young Eagles day in June to give free flights to area youth.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.