



Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport - Bowman Field

Airport Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 31st, 2024

Members Present: Eric Cortright, Vice-Chairperson; Andrew Heppe; Dan Klima; Laura Mancevich

Members Absent: Randy Johnson

Staff: Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary; Mike Beausoleil, Commission Representative; Greg Bahr, ADLC Staff

Staff Absent: Monte Belgarde, Airport Manager

Guests: Matt Wilder, RPA (via telephone); see sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 am by Eric Cortright, Vice-Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 25th, 2023

Motion made by Andrew Heppe to accept the minutes from October 25th, 2023; seconded by Laura Mancevich. Motion passes 4-0.

NOMINATION AND VOTE FOR 2024 CHAIRPERSON

Motion was made by Laura Mancevich to nominate Andrew Heppe as the Airport Board 2024 Chairperson; seconded by Eric Cortright. Motion passes 4-0.

NOMINATION AND VOTE FOR 2024 Vice-CHAIRPERSON

Motion made by Eric Cortright to nominate Laura Mancevich as the Airport Board 2024 Vice-Chairperson; seconded by Dan Klima. Motion passes 4-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Monte Belgarde was not present at today's meeting, so there was no manager's report.



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CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Matt Wilder, RPA, called in this morning to give his Consultant Report. **(please see attached)**

Mr. Wilder reviewed the consultant report generated by him and his staff at RPA. He reviewed the Automate Weather Observation Station, the Pavement Maintenance, and the 100LL Fuel Tank Installation. These projects will be happening this summer, so it will be a busy summer for the airport. He was happy report that we received grants from Montana Aeronautics that covered \$37,000 for the AWOS, 43,000 for the Pavement Maintenance, and \$45,000 for the Fuel Tank Installation, as well as a \$2000 reimbursement for the weather camera installation that happened within the last few months.

Lara Mancevich asked if the repainting of lines on the apron would be included in the pavement maintenance, and Mr. Wilder stated, that this was, indeed, included in the cost.

There was extensive discussion about the report amongst the Board and Mr. Wilder

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mike Beausoleil asked if the old system was working after it had been down and Greg Bahr reported that Mr. Belgarde had gotten it repaired and is working now for the time being.
2. Eric Cortright asked if there had been any more discussion regarding branded vs unbranded fuel. Mr. Bahr will be meeting with a gentleman this coming week who is interested in taking over the Fuel Farm. He will discuss this with this gentleman in further detail and will come back with some sort of an answer in this regard.
3. Todd Chapman, who was a guest at today's meeting inquired as to how large of a tank will be used for the fuel farm. This will be an 8000-gallon tank.
4. Ms. Mancevich asked if the fence would need to be moved in any way to accommodate the fuel farm and whether the pad that will be put in will be large enough to hold both types of fuel. Mr. Wilder stated that it is only what is funded for at this time and that is what will handle the 100LL tank. She then went on to ask if you could have a jet A truck as an option rather than a tank. Mr. Wilder stated that it is possible, but there are many more requirements for this sort of thing.
5. Mr. Cortright asked again about Mr. Pfaff, who is interested in running the fuel farm, and again, Mr. Bahr stated that he will be talking with this gentleman and will report back to the Board. Mr. Cortright stated that there will need to be some sort of a business plan to be presented.



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NEW BUSINESS

1. Date for Fly-In
The date for the fly-in has been set for August 24th, 2024.
2. Advertising
The signs for local advertising were again discussed. There are a number of parameters regarding this. At this time, we can do nothing, such as charge the businesses, etc. to post advertising signs on the airport property due to the fact that we cannot have any revenue generating through the Airport. This led to other conversation as to how other airports do this, however, most of the airports talked about are not run by their governing city or county body. Mr. Chapman stated that at the airport in Dillon, there is a significantly large sign giving the layout of the airport showing folks where certain places are at on the airport property. At the bottom of the sign, are a number of mini-signs with the name and/or logo of the business who helped to sponsor the larger sign for the airport. Mr. Cortright thought this would be a much easier way to get around the financial issue involved. Mr. Bahr again stated that he was going to talk to some of the other folks here within the County and try and get a feel for what we can do or not do.

At this point, Mr. Wilder did have one more question that he should have asked earlier in the meeting and that is what the wishes are by the Board in terms of the length of the hose that they will be using for the fuel farm. He stated that the standard is 50 ft, but there are some questions, so several are going to do some measurements and the possibility of doing a 75-foot hose is being considered.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 am

Respectfully submitted,

Carlye Hansen
Planning Department Secretary