



# Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport - Bowman Field

## Airport Advisory Board

Wednesday, July 26th, 2023

**Meeting called by** Carlye Hansen,  
Planning Secretary

**Type of meeting** Monthly Meeting

**Minutes taken by** Carlye Hansen

**Members Present:** Laura Mancevich; Andrew Heppe (via telephone)

**Members Absent:** Eric Cortright, Vice-Chairman; Randy Johnson; Dan Klima

**Staff:** Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary; Mike Beausoleil, Commission Representative; Monte Belgarde, Airport Manager

**Staff Absent:** None

**Guests:** Greg Bahr; Matt Wilder  
(Please see attachment)

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 am

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

No quorum was present today for approval. This was tabled to the next meeting

### NOMINATION AND VOTE FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 2023

No quorum was present today for nomination and vote. This was tabled to the next meeting.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Monte Belgarde, Airport Manager, stated that the traffic at the airport is normal for this time of year. At this time the beacon light is out, so they have had to put a NOTAM out to this fact. Mr. Belgarde was going to contact Colbert Electric to repair this, but instead, the County will be contacted as this is not a huge issue, we just need the equipment to get up to the beacon in a safe manner. Greg Bahr will check into this later today and have the County workers contact Mr. Belgarde.

At this time, there is a gentleman who is very interested in building a hangar at the airport. Greg Bahr and Carl Hamming, Planning Director, also have this on their radar, and will speak to this under new business.



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### CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Matt Wilder from RPA was present at the meeting this morning. He brought in his prepared meeting notes and those are attached. **Please see attachment.** This report was gone over in detail and significant discussion was held on all topics. There was discussion regarding rearranging the CIP and the dates for several of the upcoming projects. Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary, will send a copy of the revised CIP to the members of the Board and have them comment and vote on these so this can be submitted to the Commission

There was some discussion about moving the fence. It was determined by Mr. Wilder that there will be no funding for this from the FAA as this fence is new and they will not fund anything more on this project.

Mr. Wilder did discuss that there is money and there is a tractor available out there with five different attachments, and at this time, it is running \$160,000.00 and just wanted to let the board know in case they are interested.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### New Hangar

As mentioned earlier by Mr. Belgarde, Mr. Harrison-Pitts is building a new home near the airport, and he is also interested in building a hangar at that time. There is availability for this and right now the Board and the Planning Department are waiting on engineering plans for this. Mr. Harrison-Pitts would like the location of his hangar to be next to the hangar currently leased by Mr. Bahr.

#### FAA Weather Cameras

Mercy Flight has been in contact with the Airport and are interested in working together to get cameras put into the airport for their medical flights. It was noted that last year there were fifteen missed flights due to no weather cameras at Bowman Field. Currently, we need to look at the costs of the new vs repair of our current camera system. This will need to be decided in the future in about January or February 2024, as a timeline.

#### 2023 Fly-In and Car Show

Currently, the Fly-In and Car Show are coming together nicely. We currently have the Grumpy Old Men who are going to cook hamburgers and hot dogs. We will have the lemonade stand from ACI. There will be activities for the kids, as well as a flour sack drop. There will also be awards given for both airplane categories, and car categories. Insty-Prints did multiple posters, and those are being distributed out at this time.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Hamming just wanted to inform the Board that at this time, he is going to refer all inquiries and business to Mr. Bahr to manage, as Mr. Bahr is currently an ADLC employee in the Planning Department and he truly knows about all the goings-on at the airport. He will still be in the loop with Mr. Bahr, but again Mr. Bahr will oversee a lot of the issues that will come up with the airport and communications within.

### NEXT MEETING



# Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport - Bowman Field

Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlye Hansen  
Planning Department Secretary

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