

Driggs Reed Memorial Airport Board

May 19, 2010

5:00pm

Driggs City Hall

Members Present: Tom Hunter (Presiding), Ash Alexander, Lou Christensen, John Trudelle.

Others Present: Kreslyn Schuehler, Amy Smith, Doug Self, Mark Cassen, David and Bonnie Enrico, Cori Dahl, Ken Koster, Rachel Tiede, Trevis Allen and Lillian Bowen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from April 21, 2010 were reviewed.

Ash Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2010. John Trudelle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Yuki Kobayashi's absence, Amy Smith presented the Treasurer's Report.

Lou Christensen made a motion to approve the payments as submitted. John Trudelle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on the Alternate Grass Landing Area

Tom reported that the final report had been finished and emailed to the Board. He explained that this was an application for the grass landing area and not an approval or guarantee that it would get approved by the FAA.

Lou Christensen made a motion to submit he applications with the changes discussed.

Discussion of the seeding began and it was determined that most of the runway project seeding had been complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Lease Transfer Request

Tom stated a lease transfer request was submitted for Lot 1-13. In the past, the Board had required new owners to partake in a new lease agreement. Cori Dahl stated that Sean Moulton reviewed the lease and it did not state the lease was either transferable or non-transferable.

Review of pending Conditional Use Permit regarding Lot 7 in Flying T Subdivision for an Impound Yard

Tom suggested the Board submit a letter of opposition as he felt this use was not compatible for airport operations or what the property was intended for. John was

concerned that the vehicles may leave debris on the taxiways. Mr. Self stated that the property was accessed from Rodeo Drive and did not have access to the taxiways. Bonnie Enrico stated she felt that this use should be placed at Driggs Centre where the property was zoned industrial and should not be near the airport where tourists and others had the ability to view it. She also felt that the garbage business was not suitable in the area either.

Mr. Self explained that the property was in the Area of Impact and therefore the County had the final approval. David Enrico stated that the roads were not defined as to who the owners were unless it was convenient to the City or County. Neither maintained the road, David Enrico stated. He further stated that the roads were horrible and that the garbage trucks were ruining it and were not being washed as required.

Tom suggested the city annex the area and make it an airport zone. Mr. Self responded to public comment stating that he had asked Mayor Powers to have Jared Gunderson, Public Works Director, and the Teton County Engineer figure out who would be responsible for the road and get it graded. He also stated that the lot next to the subject lot also had numerous vehicles on it and was a separate enforcement issue that was being dealt with. The CRASH Impound Yard can not have vehicles on-site for more than 30 days, as it was defined as an impound yard and not a junk yard. Legal actions and fines could enforce this.

Tom questioned if the City saw this use as beneficial. Mr. Self replied stating that he felt it would be supporting a business in the valley and that the Airport Board should address concerns by asking to see screening and the like. He felt that if the concerns were “purely esthetic” then the board should recommend ways to deal with those issues.

Colin Dye questioned how many businesses were currently in the area. Lillian Bowen responded stating that there may be 5-6 businesses and none were related to aviation.

Lou suggested the Board write a letter suggesting that screening with a solid fence be required as well as if there were any DEQ requirements that needed to be followed for impound yards.

Lease Transfer Request

Lou felt the new lease should expire on the same date as the current lease. Tom felt that in the past a new lease was signed and would expire 30 years from the date it was signed. The rate of the lease was discussed. Cori Dahl stated her client wanted to sign a new lease as soon as possible.

Lou Christensen made a motion to approve a new lease for the property owner of Lot 1-13. John Trudelle seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Report on the Alternate Grass Landing Area

Tom stated he would change the statement regarding signage to state that Teton Aviation would pay for the necessary signage.

Public Comment-

Bonnie Enrico felt that new leases should be able to be transferable and questioned why everyone was not paying the same amount. Ken Koster, Lillian Bowen and Lou Christensen explained the reasoning and process regarding this.

The Driggs Centennial will be hosting a Quilt Show at Warbirds on June 5, 2010. Richard Sugden may do a small air show, depending on the weather.

John Trudelle moved to adjourn the meeting. Ash Alexander seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:06pm.