

Driggs Reed Memorial Airport Board

January 21, 2015 5:00pm

Driggs City Hall

Members Present: Lou Christensen (Presiding), Jim Jackson, and Val Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 17, 2014 were reviewed.

Jim Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2014. Val Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lou Christensen reviewed the report, account balances and payables.

Jim Jackson made a motion to approve the payables. Val Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jim Jackson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Val Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Airport Name Change Discussion

Jim Jackson presented more information regarding this discussion. Brian McDermott from the Teton Valley Business Development Center was present to answer questions. He stated at the business development center, they also focus on the jobs the airport may bring to the valley.

The center had been trying to begin a branding campaign. He would like to have producers in the valley use the branding on their products. This could be incorporated into the name of the airport to tie things together, he explained.

“To the average consumer, Driggs Reed Memorial Airport could be anywhere in the world,” Mr. McDermott stated. He stated if a name change was chosen, he felt it could be tied to the valley which would benefit the businesses, the FBO and the airport operations as a whole.

Mr. Williams believed that if the city and Board was able to link the airport to Teton Valley, it would help the valley as a whole economically. He further stated the Board did not want to spend a lot of money on branding but wanted to figure out how to support the valley, increase tourism and new businesses and help the airport.

Mr. McDermott stated he was willing to assist in any way he could and invited the Board to continue discussion with the business center on the future name change.

NEW BUSINESS

Air Idaho

Mr. Christensen stated that while the Board was unaware of the business coming to the airport, he was not opposed to it as it would benefit the area. He stated he was unclear on their operations and what would need to be approved by the FAA.

Peter Kline from Teton Aviation presented information to the Board regarding the operation and stated no further approval would be needed from the FAA as it was allowed in the statutes. He stated the company was interested in a year lease because they were relocating from Idaho Falls.

Mr. Jackson was concerned with security and noise and questioned the procedures that were going to be taken to ensure both were taken into consideration.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Val Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Jackson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.