

# Driggs Reed Memorial Airport Board

November 18, 2015 5:00pm

Driggs City Hall

**Members Present:** Lou Christensen (Presiding), Jim Jackson, Val Williams, Charles Jones, and Chris Schuehler.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lou Christensen stated the meeting of October 21, 2015 was not recorded and therefore, minutes could not be developed. Mr. Christensen requested any information of the previous meeting be forwarded to Kreslyn Schuehler.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris Schuehler reviewed payables and account balances.

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

## **STEPHEN ZOLLINGER – CONCERNS WITH BOARDS**

Mr. Zollinger presented information regarding roles and responsibilities, and ethics and conflicts for Board Members. Mr. Zollinger stated the goal behind advisory boards was to give the municipality the opportunity to draw upon the community to help manage certain matters or affairs. He stated the board members must act as a whole and cannot act as individuals.

Mr. Zollinger further stated it was important for the Board Members to ask questions and formulate policies and procedures for the Airport. He further stated the Board was not required to come to a consensus on everything, as they were an advisory board to the City Council.

## **AIRPORT NAME CHANGE DISCUSSION**

Lou Christensen stated the Board had gone over the name change several different times and had three options. At the last minute, one option was changed to Teton Valley Reed Memorial Airport. He further stated letters of support had been received, but none volunteered to help fund the effort. Mr. Christensen requested a recommendation from the Board to send to the City Council.

Val Williams referred to the letter written by the Mayor and questioned what the idea was behind putting the subject on the agenda at this meeting.

Jim Jackson spoke stating the Board approved the idea of changing the name to get more international business and to use the Teton Valley branding concept to get more attention. This would help the economics of the valley, he stated. He felt the Board learned a lot in the process and reminded them a survey was put on the website, a letter was published in the paper and felt most people were in favor but wanted the name "Reed" in the title. He

further stated the family of Fred Reed came forward and provided information on the contributions of Mr. Reed and after the Board agreed the name should remain.

Chris Schuehler questioned if once the information requested by the Mayor was provided, would he be open to placing it on the City Council agenda. Mr. Christensen stated that Mayor Johnson had agreed to place it on the agenda for the Council once the Board made a recommendation.

Mr. Jones stated that the Board needed to propose a name to the Council. He further stated a letter was received regarding several airports changing their names to reflect the geography in their areas. He felt the Board was trying to draw those visiting the Tetons. "The debit side is we are owned by the city and they support us. The income is according to the 2007 Economic Analysis by the state, the airport brings \$7.2 million a year of revenue into the whole valley and creates about 105 jobs and people are saying, 'What does that do for the city?'" Mr. Jones stated. He further stated the extra revenue was not only good for the city, but for the entire valley. He felt the City Council needed to think valley-wide, not just city-wide.

Mr. Jackson stated the Board received a lot of letters about the name change and majority was positive to the change, "from Emily Reed to the State Department of Labor." He further stated contacts with the FAA, Teton Valley Business Development Center and the Teton Valley Chamber of Commerce have expressed their support.

Mr. Christensen stated that it depended on what was viewed as positive feedback. He further stated, the Idaho Department of Transportation suggested the airport keep the city name in the title because that's "the rule they set in the early 90's."

Mr. Jackson stated clarification was made with the FAA that the city name does not need to be in the title of the airport. He further questioned if the Board felt a member should meet with the Mayor to discuss further information that may be needed before the recommendation went to the Council.

Mr. Christensen felt the Board should make a recommendation and let it go to the Council. He further stated that once it was on the agenda, Board members could attend and voice their positions to the change.

**Jim Jackson made a motion to change the name of the airport to Teton Valley Reed Memorial Airport. Charles Jones seconded the motion.**

Mr. Jones questioned if the Board wanted to add any procedural steps to the motion such as Board Members would meet with the Mayor first or that a presentation would be developed for the Council. Mr. Christensen stated a presentation would be made at the City Council during a Public Hearing. Mr. Jackson felt the Board Members should be present at that meeting to present information to the public. Mr. Schuehler felt a statement should be developed and presented and Mr. Williams wanted to ensure the

supporting documentation was included. Mr. Schuehler further stated a packet should be developed to distribute to the Council members.

**The above motion passed. Lou Christensen voted in opposition. Charles Jones stated according to the Bylaws, the Chairman was only to vote in tie-breaking situations.**

#### **RUNWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE**

Lillian Bowen stated the foundation for the new beacon went in and another pay request for this year would be submitted in December. She stated the project would continue in the spring when the runway approach numbers were changed and the final striping was done.

#### **HERTZ CONTRACT EXTENSION REQUEST**

Mr. Christensen stated the Hertz Contract had expired. He further stated that the way the contract was worded as long as Hertz agreed to remain and no changes were being made, an extension could be granted.

**Chris Schuehler made a motion to approve the contract extension for Hertz. Val Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

#### **GATE SECURITY SIGNS**

The Board reviewed the wording for security gate signs. Mr. Jones stated he would research the wording for the signs and get information to the Board for further discussion.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Val Williams made a motion** to go into executive session at 6:10pm pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 regarding land acquisitions. Jim Jackson seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken: Jim Jackson, aye; Charles Jones, aye; Val Williams, aye; Chris Schuehler, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:48pm.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Chris Schuehler made a motion to adjourn. Val Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.**