

Driggs Reed Memorial Airport Board

February 19, 2014 5:00pm

Driggs City Hall

Members Present: Lou Christensen (Presiding), Charles Jones, Chris Schuehler, Jim Jackson, and Delwyn Jensen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from January 15, 2014 were reviewed.

Charles Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2014. Chris Schuehler seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Schuehler reviewed the report, account balances and payables.

Charles Jones made a motion to approve the payables. Chris Schuehler seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Land Acquisition Services Update

Lou Christensen and Lillian Bowen met with some property owners within the area of the land acquisition. Mr. Christensen stated they also met with Huntsman Springs. He explained that the airport was required by the FAA to increase the OFA (Object Free Area). The acquisition would be done by a Federal Appraiser and then negotiated.

Ms. Bowen reported on the meeting with Todd Woolstenhulme who represented Huntsman Springs. She stated he was very amenable with the discussion. He felt it was a plus to shift the runway as planes would take off higher over the Huntsman Springs homes. He would review the Master Plan and continue discussions in the future.

Ms. Bowen stated she was going to meet with those in Helena to explain the direction the Board was taking and questioned if a Board Member would be interested in attending the meeting. She was unsure of the date, but thought it would be the first week in March.

CIP Update

Mr. Christensen stated the State increased the funds to help with items in the CIP.

Teton Air Ranch

Mr. Christensen stated he and Doug Self met with several parties concerning the property and reviewed proposals. The last proposal heard involved requesting a property tax break. Mr. Christensen stated Teton Air Ranch does not fulfill the requirements of the State to receive a tax exemption. No further discussions were had.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport Naming

Mr. Christensen stated a suggestion to rename the airport had been received. He stated he spoke to a past Airport Board Chairman that was involved with the last name change, and recommended not pursuing this further due to time and extreme cost. He felt there were other options to make the city a “destination,” which was one of the reasons for the request.

Jim Jackson felt the idea should be researched further and volunteered to see how much the project would cost. Charles Jones stated the timing was off and felt this project should be moved to the future to incorporate the various ideas that were involved. Chris Schuehler suggested discussing the issue with someone involved in marketing and possibly roll it in to a marketing plan. He further suggested discussing the issue with the Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Jackson made a motion to pursue the idea to change the name of the airport. Charles Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Christensen stated Kreslyn Schuehler had submitted a proposal for her time. Due to childcare issues, she stated it was hard to attend meetings and proposed to: a) find another secretary, b) allowing meetings to be recorded without her presence, but continue to fulfill the Secretary position or c) change the meeting time.

Charles Jones made a motion to choose option B, which would allow meetings to be recorded without the presence of the Secretary. Jim Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Charles Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Schuehler seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:49pm.