

Driggs Reed Memorial Airport Board

May 16, 2012

5:00pm

Driggs City Hall

Members Present: Lou Christensen (Presiding), Ash Alexander, Charles Jones, Delwyn Jensen, Jim Jackson and Tom Hunter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from April 25, 2012 were reviewed.

Delwyn Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2012 meeting. Ash Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ash Alexander reviewed the account balances and the invoices received. Discussion began as to which invoices from HDR should be paid in relationship to when the Board would receive money from the FAA.

Delwyn Jensen made a motion to pay the HDR invoices. Charles Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Weed Control – Owen Moulton

Lou Christensen explained the areas that the Board would like to have sterilized. Mr. Moulton stated he would be able to do so with little issue due to the lack of trees. He stated the snow pits may require several applications in order to get them under control. He would spray between the buildings and spot spray the thistles. He recommended continuing to spray every year to maintain good control over the weeds.

The Board asked that Mr. Moulton keep track of his time on the private hangars versus the public areas. Mr. Jones asked that hangar owners be given the opportunity to spray for weeds themselves and suggested they be given a date when that task should be completed.

After much discussion, Mr. Jones suggested rolling the fee to spray weeds into the maintenance fee to ensure that weed control was being maintained and done properly and at the correct time.

Charles Jones made a motion to include the weed spray for private hangars this year and next year, a notice will be sent to hangar owners stating an increase in the maintenance fee to cover the cost of spraying weeds, excluding the Through the Fence Agreement Holders.

Further discussion occurred regarding who should be included in the rate increase.

Jim Jackson seconded the above motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

1000 North Relocation Update

Lillian Bowen reported to the Board. She stated the advertisement for bid for the 1000 North Project would be in the newspaper this week. By federal regulations, bidders must have 30 days, with the bid closing on June 19 at 2:00pm. The City Council would review the bids that same day and the Airport Board can review them at the next Board meeting.

After the process moves forward, she'd like to begin construction in July. Therefore, the road would not be opened by the time school begins. She asked that the road be closed so that working around vehicles would not be an issue. Mayor Powers and Doug Self stated since there was an alternative access, the closure should not be a problem.

Ms. Bowen further explained the construction process and what would occur during that time. She explained that currently the FAA allotted \$750,000 for the road, but with engineering and administration, it would be closer to \$903,000.

Mr. Jensen questioned if the county was able to make a contribution. Mr. Christensen stated that the City Council offered \$30,000 for the road project, but the county has not been asked. Ms. Bowen stated the State would not determine their share until July. It was also harder to determine how much would be needed until the bids came in.

AIP Issues

Ms. Bowen presented information regarding the RPZ (Runway Protection Zone), stating the FAA, at one time, encouraged the city to own all of the land in the RPZ. In correspondence from the FAA, they have stated they will not support the shift of the runway by 900 feet, to help obtain land in the RPZ.

Ms. Bowen would like Stephen Zollinger to write a letter to the FAA to state that the city was trying to plan for the future and the shift would allow for the land owned by the city to be within the RPZ. The land at the end of the runway should be purchased in the future, according to Ms. Bowen and she encouraged the City and the Airport Board to move in that direction.

Mr. Zollinger stated he disagreed with Ms. Bowen and felt the airport plan should not include the runway shift. Mr. Self stated that re-zoning could be made for the properties in the RPZ. Mr. Zollinger stated he felt if properties were re-zoned, he was confident it would not be considered a taking. He further stated that Ms. Bowen's concerns were legitimate. However, there was no guarantee for the future and at this time the FAA was stating there was no need to shift the runway.

Mr. Self stated he would like to hear if the FAA would purchase land for the RPZ since they are not willing to support the shift in the runway. Mr. Zollinger stated the FAA has often given money to purchase the land for the RPZ and suggested the parcels in the RPZ be included in the AIP to be purchased in the future.

The Board discussed the options. Ms. Bowen stated the FAA did not want the shift of the runway to be shown on the AIP. However, Ms. Bowen would like to show the shift. She was concerned that the community had viewed this shift in the public hearings for the Master Plan and she didn't want to not include it.

Charles Jones made a motion to direct Lillian Bowen to write a letter on the behalf of the City Council to the FAA regarding the AIP runway shift. Delwyn Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Submittal of Form 7460 – Winkler Property in Sweetwater

Mr. Christensen stated that a submittal of the Form 7460 was submitted to the City and the FAA to build near the airport.

Concerns with Runway 3 Run-Up

Mr. Jackson was concerned with the run-up area for Runway 3. He'd like to include a sign at the run-up area to ask pilots to move to the designated area.

Tom Hunter made a motion to add a sign to the run-up area. Jim Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Tom Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting. Charles Jones seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.