



Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Airport Board minutes

Airport Terminal Building

"The Airport Board's mission is to advise the Council in developing the future of Independence aviation."

Call to Order at 5.01 pm by Chairman Dan Callahan.

Roll Call: Chairperson Callahan, Pilcher, and Jones present.

Absent – Rottinghaus and (Payne excused)

Other attendees: None

Approve the Agenda: Motion- Jones Second- Pilcher Ayes- All

Approve the Minutes: Motion- Jones Second- Pilcher Ayes- All

Public comment: none

NEW BUSINESS

Engineer Update: The apron project is close to the end. Seeding is the last step. SWP is ready for approval by the city council—motion to present to council moved by Vicki, 2nd Merritt, 3 ayes, 0 nays. The lighting project is nearly done; seeding remains to be done, as well as a flight check by the FAA (a reimbursable expense). PAPIs are unusable until the flight check is complete. LED lights are much more visible, and the runway markers will reduce confusion. The contractor had to replace extra cable due to a gopher. Merritt mentioned that the rotating beacon is blocked from the west due to brighter (LEDs) on a neighboring building. Is there any way to fix it? Engineer Carl says there is probably no recourse for existing structures. The city is working on an ordinance regarding light brightness and shielding.

Chairman/City Manager Update: FBO signs look great. Need to examine raising the T-hangar rent.

Airport Manager Update: The city updated the internet switch, which requires a new battery backup. The update will cost \$1500. The fuel system is experiencing phone issues. If the latest Cat 5 cable Brett put in for the phone line resolves the problem, then we can look at replacing the fuel pump screen. The replacement cost will be \$180. Fuel receipts take a while due to a timing issue.

FBO Update: The chili fly-in went well. 30-40 planes attended. The new apron was helpful in managing the congestion. The FBO and the manager worked together to minimize any disruptions to the runway closure, and it worked. There was only a 16% decrease in traffic.

CIP: Discussion about priorities and lower funding. 95% federal match this year. Vicki made a motion, 2nd Merritt to present the plan to the city council.

Revenues and expenses to date – No discussion

Adjournment time was 5:50 pm: Motion-Jones Second- Pilcher Ayes- All.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Callahan.