



Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport - Bowman Field

Airport Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, 2022, @ 7 a.m.

Meeting called by John Lombardi,
Chairman

Type of meeting Monthly Meeting

Minutes taken by Carlye Hansen

Members Present: John Lombardi, Chairman;
Dan Klima; Eric Cortright

Members Absent: Randy Johnson (excused)

Staff: Carl Hamming, Planning Director;
Carlye Hansen, Planning Department
Secretary; Terry Vermeire, Commission
Representative; Monte Belgarde, Airport
Manager

Guests: Jim Greil, DOWL Engineering (via
phone)

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 a.m., by John Lombardi, Chairperson

At this time, Mr. Dan Klima was introduced as the newest member of the Airport Board and was welcomed aboard.

Approval of Minutes Wednesday, October 27th, 2021

*Motion is made by Eric Cortright to approve the minutes, with corrections as noted;
seconded by John Lombardi. Motion passes 3-0.*

Consultant Report

At this time, Mr. Jim Geil, from DOWL, phoned into the meeting, as he has an upcoming meeting commitment at 7:30 a.m., so we moved him up on the agenda.



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Mr. Greil asked if anyone knew the status of the letter sent to Heather Edwards, Carl Hamming, and Monte Belgarde regarding a report that is due to the FAA. At this time, Mr. Hamming will check with Heather on this. Mr. Greil states that we need to be proactive on this with the FAA and he will follow-up on his end with this also.

Mr. Greil stated that we have roughly \$20,000.00 in CARES Act monies coming our way and that we will need to come up with \$20,000.00 in expenses to be reimbursed for this. Regarding these ARPA and CRSA grants, they want proof and ask what the intentions are for the money that we are receiving. John Sholey, CFO, for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, will gather all the receipts for all the purchases and repairs to the airport and these will be submitted for reimbursement.

Mr. Greil noted that the FAA has signed off on the runway project, however there is still a discoloration with the paint, and it is bleeding through. At this time, they have signed off, but the monies we receive from the various grants will be able to cover this repair. Mr. Cortright asked if someone will follow-up on the cleanup of the bleed through of the paint. This will part of the next project and FAA will allow for correction of the paint at that time.

Mr. Belgarde asked about reseeding and new sod for one of the hangers now that the apron project is complete. Mr. Greil stated that this could be done and that this could be taken from the Covid Relief Funds. Mr. Belgarde also mentioned that on the taxiway, it appears that some of the yellow striping is coming up, almost like peeling. Mr. Greil asked that Mr. Belgarde take photos of this and send them to him.

The Capital Improvement Plan will need to be discussed by the August 2022 meeting. We will need approval from the Commission on the Plan, and we will need to come up with and prioritize a wish list and options on how we want to spend our future money.

Mr. Greil wanted to let everyone know that the FAA will be making rounds to look around all the airports and follow-up on some of the FAA projects that are going on.

There was talk about the money that we loaned to Lewistown and their inability to pay this back at this time. They are going to bump up the schedule on that to hopefully next year getting this taken care of. Mr. Hamming asked what the interest rate is on this loan and Mr. Greil responded with the fact that there was no reciprocal agreement drawn up with ADLC, and it is to be paid back on good faith. The dollar amount is \$110,000.

At this point, we moved back to the top of our original agenda when Mr. Greil left the phone call to attend another meeting.



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Nomination and Vote for 2022 Chairperson

Motion is made by Eric Cortright to nominate John Lombardi as chairperson for 2022; seconded by Dan Klima. Motion passes 3-0.

Nomination and Vote for 2022 Vice-Chairperson

Motion is made by Dan Klima to nominate Eric Cortright as vice-chairperson for 2022; seconded by John Lombardi. Motion passes 3-0.

Manager's Report

Mr. Belgarde just wanted to note that right now operations have curtailed. There is still some jet traffic coming through, but he hopes that this will begin to increase going into the warmer weather and summertime. He has been trying to keep track a bit of fuel, and at this time, he feels that there would be about \$6K to \$10K spent by airplane operators if we were to have a fuel farm. Mr. Klima states that he is currently going through 45 gallons per hour and that a fuel farm is the ticket and unfortunately, is missing here. Mr. Hamming asked whether we have investigated or entertained the idea of 3rd party operators? This could be considered but there is not enough air traffic to warrant having someone sit there hour after hour.

There have been issues with the main gate staying open, and it turned out that this was an electrical problem, and at this time, he believes this have resolved.

Monte noted that the Ham Radio Club has been in contact with him, and they would like to use the airport for their annual get together on June 25th.

Flight School Report

Mr. Belgarde noted the only thing at this time is that he may be purchasing another plane from Florida to use at the flight school. This is still up in the air.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Hansen will be in contact with Joe Casey once school gets out to set up a time to present his father, Dr. Tim Casey, with the plaque that we have for him to recognize his years of service to the Anaconda Airport (Bowman Field).

At this time, we will tentatively schedule the Fly-In for August 20th. We will discuss this more and start to make more plans at the next meeting.



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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlye Hansen

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

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