



Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Airport – Bowman Field

Airport Advisory Board

Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 @ 7 a.m.

Meeting called by Jim Jonas, Chairperson

Type of meeting Monthly Meeting

Minutes taken by Carlye Hansen

Members Present: Jim Jonas, Chairperson; John Lombardi; Eric Cortright; Tim Casey

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; Sarah Jones, Deluxe Engineering (via phone)

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 a.m., by Jim Jonas, Chairperson.

Approval of Minutes

A. Wednesday, September 29th, 2021

Motion was made by Tim Casey to approve the minutes from September 29th, 2021; seconded by John Lombardi. Motion passes 4-0.

Manager's Report / Flight School Report – Monte Belgarde, Airport Manager

Monte Belgarde, Airport Manager, stated that operations are down significantly. What is normally around 1000 operations per day is down to around 10 operations per day. Most of this is due to the apron reconstruction project.

Mr. Belgarde states that the apron construction went very well and is only looking at a few small things to finish up, otherwise, it all looks great.



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Mr., Belgarde did talk to Colbert Electric, and they have given him a bid on infrared lighting. At this time, they will need to divorce the two current systems into separate Papi systems. He is currently waiting on two more bids, and they will need to receive approval from the FAA.

Regarding the potential fire truck, Mr. Belgarde did get the blessing of the purchase from Butte-Silver Bow, however, he has had some pushback from Bill Everett, CEO, regarding the legalities of training and the county's liability if something were to happen. He is planning on working on the firetruck this week, and he feels that all the mechanicals will go well. He will be taking Ben Harris and Ben Andrews from the ADLC Road Shop with him on Friday to look this over. Mr. Belgarde is past certified to work on these. He stated that when it comes to getting them into the bay at the airport, this will be tight, but he will be able to fit it in Bay #2. He stated that he is going to see if the local fire department and personnel would be able to bring the truck over and he is hoping to join Butte-Silver Bow training. He also stated that right now there seems to be some question about which fire district the airport is currently in, be it Lost Creek Volunteer Fire Department or the Opportunity Volunteer Fire Department. Carl Hamming, Planning Director, did verify that it is the Opportunity Volunteer Fire Department that services Bowman Field and Airport. Mr. Belgarde still notes that the biggest problem he has is that he is going through about 20 runway lights per week at the cost of \$8 to \$9 per bulb. He is beginning to feel that the design of the lights themselves is the problem.

Regarding the Flight School, this is also down due to many factors. He currently has 90 operations per month with the school, but right now is down to 2 operations. He states that right now the simulator is down, but his hoping to bring this back to Anaconda and get this up and running.

Regarding the FAA Annual Based Aircraft requests, we currently have 6 aircraft registered in ADLC. Right now, they are looking for four more and Monte thinks that he shouldn't have any problem getting this. This will be needed by 12/17/2021. Mr. Greil states that you can usually obtain a list of aircraft by county and if this is something that we cannot do, we will lose all funding for a significant amount of time. It can take many years to get back on track.

Consultant Report – Jim Greil, CM, Aviation Project Manager, DOWL
New Business

Jim Geil, Aviation Project Manager, from DOWL, was here today to present his monthly consultant report to members of the Board (*please see attached*).



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He stated that regarding the apron reconstruction project, they will be seeding and painting within the next two weeks of the area around the apron area only. He will also be checking with Morrison-Maierle regarding the runway painting for that is fading and bleeding through. They need to have this done before the end of the warranty period.

Mr. Greil stated that he received an email regarding an ARPA grant. He thought that he emailed this to Mr. Belgarde. He will look and see if he can locate this email and send it to Mr. Belgarde for signature. Tim Casey asked if a fuel farm would be something that could be covered by a grant and Mr. Greil stated that grants can cover this.

At this time, Sarah Jones, had nothing more to add and stated that everything was discussed by Mr. Greil.

New Business

Discussion/vote on waiving the ground lease fee for Randy Johnson

Motion was made for a waiver of ground lease fees, or reimbursement if paid for 2021-2022, for Randy Johnson, who serves many volunteer hours at the Bowman Field Airport; seconded by Eric Cortright. Motion passes 4-0.

Miscellaneous / Public Comment

None

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tim Casey; seconded by Eric Cortright. Motion passes 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlye Hansen

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary