

DEER LODGE CITY/POWELL COUNTY AIRPORT
Board Minutes
January 20, 2020

Present:

Board Members: Ron Snow, Tony Pfaff, Rex Anderson

Others Present: Travis Eickman, Councilman John Skibsrud, Bruce Anderson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm.

November 18, 2019 Minutes: Ron Snow made a motion to approve the November minutes, Rex Anderson seconded, all were in favor.

New Business:

1. **Master Plan and ALP Update:** The ALP has been approved by the FAA, copies were given to the board. With it being a holiday, Travis will follow up with the County tomorrow to ensure the final and outstanding payments have been submitted to FAA Delphi. The final master plan will be printed with the larger ALP sets and the City and County will be provided with those.
 - a. **Recommendation of final MMI billing** – The amount of the invoice and requested for reimbursement is \$7,250.75. Ron made a motion to approve that amount, Rex seconded, all were in favor.

2. **CII Improvements Environmental Assessment Update:** In order to bring the airport to C-II Standards and for Land Acquisition the following are completed or in progress: The cultural resource survey has been completed. The architectural historian determined that the armory is not a historical site. SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) will also do a survey to ensure agreement. The FAA is currently reviewing the document. The beacon will need to be replaced and the old one relocated. Tony suggested that they display the beacon at the airport. The hazardous materials report came back and there is asbestos in the floor tiles in the armory, there needs to be further testing on lead.

Both Grant Kohrs Ranch and Fish and Wildlife Services sent letters. Grant Kohrs wants to meet further on specific project issues regarding the noise, Travis will meet with them next month. Fish and Wildlife stated that no species were threatened by the project.

Montana Department of Corrections – the DOC’s lawyers have been in discussion with MMI over the transfer of the armory over to City and County ownership.

- a. **Recommendation of MMI billing**– The amount of the invoice and requested for reimbursement for the Environmental Assessment (EA) is \$26,218.60. With an FAA

eligible share at 90% the reimbursement amount that goes into FAA Delphi is \$23,596.74. Effort from MMI this period includes preparation and submittal of agency letters for initial comments, hazardous materials testing report, Cultural Resource Report, coordination with Montana Department of Corrections legal counsel regarding the armory, and preparation of *Background and Proposed Action and Purpose and Need* of the draft EA. Ron moved to approve the reimbursement amount of \$26,218.60, Rex seconded and all were in favor.

3. **Pavement Maintenance Project** – On hold for favorable weather.
4. **Based Aircraft and Impacts on FAA Future Funding Update** – The FAA has a database that they request to be updated as much as possible and at least annually, notice was provided last Fall that Deer Lodge is behind in updating theirs. Right before the deadline an aircraft was moved last minute putting Deer Lodge with only 8 airworthy aircraft, the latest policy states that there must be 9 airworthy aircrafts or more to receive the funding. Due to this, Deer Lodge will not be able to receive non-primary entitlements until 2023. MMI and the airport are now working on finding a solution. Currently the airport is at 18 validated aircraft with one pending.

Once the Environmental Assessment is complete, we can still move forward with the land for the prison and appraisals for the prison which have already been approved. The immediate tasks to be completed are to get the prison land transferred, animal control fence, and repositioning of golf course road.

5. **MDT Aeronautics Grant/Loan Meeting Results** – The meeting was held last Thursday in Helena at MDT. For Deer Lodge, 3 projects were submitted, land acquisition of the state parcels as well as the private land acquisitions, apron design, and designing and construction of golf course road, fence, armory, tin cup joe, etc. Based on the FAA's funding at this time, MDT did not agree to grant the loans. MDT also cannot release those loans until there is an FAA Grant in place.
6. **Plow Maintenance** – Three plows currently with 2 working. Will Hogan has a guy that works for him part time that is willing to go through the plows and change fluids, wipers, filters, etc. It has not been done in years so it may be beneficial. The shoes on one of the machines also need to be replaced. The board members all agreed to hire for the maintenance. Tony replaced the light on the beacon, he has ordered an LED light to put in it.

There was a request for purchase of the orange plow truck. The County will need to decide if they are willing to sell.

7. **Pasture Lease Bids** –

Tony Pfaff stood in as Pat George's representative for Lot #2 and proposed his bid.

Will Hogan proposed his bid for Lot #1
Forrest Dyer proposed his bid for Lot #3
No other bids were received. All lots go to the individuals listed above.

Old Business:

Non-Agenda Items:

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kyla Johnson, Administrative Assistant