

DEER LODGE CITY/POWELL COUNTY AIRPORT
Board Minutes
January 17, 2022

Present:

Board Members: Ron Snow, Tony Pfaff, Rex Anderson, Mark Beattie

Others Present: Travis Eickman, Kyla Johnson, Bruce Anderson, Commissioner Dan Sager, City Councilman John Skibsrud, Pat and Janel George

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

November 15, 2021 Minutes: Ron made a motion to approve the minutes, Rex seconded. All were in favor.

New Business:

1. **EA for CII Improvements** – FAA provided comments on Chapter’s I-III. Cultural Resource Survey – updated edits will be sent in to the FAA this week. Travis stated that the beacon is considered historical, and the board agreed that if it did need to be removed that the airport would set up an exhibit with the beacon at the airport. The Environmental Assessment is progressing.
2. **Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation** – None of the funding has been released yet. There are varying funding levels and Deer Lodge received the highest level at \$159,000 in addition to an annual \$150,000 for next 5 years. Stipulations include not borrowing between airports and the funds need to be used by the end of the 5-year period.
3. **MDT Aeronautics Grant/Loan Results** – The meeting was held last week in Helena. \$21,150 in grant for 90% of (estimated design cost) requested sponsor match on Runway Safety Area design (Golf Course Road, animal control fence relocation, building demo, and Tin Cup Joe improvements). For Deer Lodge no funding was granted for apron design or land acquisition. They did choose to contribute funds to the design of the safety area improvements which includes \$3,750 for weather cameras which is 50% of the total amount.
4. **Funding Projections for 2022 Projects** – State apportionment has been identified for Deer Lodge at \$200,000. Travis has a call in with the FAA tomorrow regarding moving forward with land acquisitions. The application and presentation were given to the Aeronautics Board and they suggested to consider fees for the airport.
5. **Pasture Bids** – 3 bids were received from the current lessees and accepted for Pasture Lots #1 - \$500, #2 - 750, and #3 - \$1,200. Ron made a motion to accept the bids. Rex seconded; all were in favor.
6. **Board Terms** – The board terms were up for Ron Snow and Gary Chilcott at the end of 2021. Rex made a motion to accept their desire to remain on the board, Mark seconded, both were approved for another 3-year term.
7. **Officer Elections** – Ron voted for the following officer positions; Tony - President, Ron - Vice President, Rex - Secretary, Mark seconded.

Old Business: The courtesy car is at the airport and ready to use. It was used last week and had a flat tire, Tony ordered tires from Les Schwab for \$458.00. The blades on the plow have been fixed.

Non-Agenda Items:

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:34pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kyla Johnson, Administrative Assistant