

DEER LODGE CITY/POWELL COUNTY AIRPORT

Board Minutes

May 16, 2022

Present:

Board Members: Ron Snow, Tony Pfaff, Rex Anderson

Others Present: Travis Eickman, Kyla Johnson, Commissioner Dan Sager, City Councilman John Skibsrud, Bruce Anderson, Steve Flynn

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.

April Minutes: Ron made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Rex seconded, all were in favor.

New Business:

- 1. Golf Course Road Realignment** – Steve Flynn, with the Golf Course Board attended the meeting to discuss the plan for the golf course road realignment. The present alignment with the golf course road and the armory building are obstructions to the existing airfield environment. The airport needs to complete land acquisition and then Travis explained that once the armory is removed, the road alignment will shift slightly to the west and through where the current armory building stands. The airport will replace only the part of the road that is impacted. Steve asked if it were possible to potentially finish the road out, Travis agreed that could be discussed and the additional would be at the expense of the golf course. The road will be paved. Earliest construction of new improvements will be in sometime in 2023. Kyla will share Steve's contact with Travis so any further golf course road plans can include the golf course. The armory cannot be demolished until the environmental assessment is back from the FAA.
- 2. FAA Review Status** – New environmental staff has joined the Aircraft Design & Operation (ADO) with the FAA, so that may alleviate some of the delays with the FAA and the environmental assessment.
- 3. Land Acquisition Proceedings** – Travis reviewed the land acquisition pieces. The airport is proposing a land swap with the State that can be assumed as equal acreage. This is development land which falls under different guidelines for the FAA. If the airport were to spend money on those two parcels, the environmental assessment needs to be completed. Travis is meeting with Verlanic's, Forson's and Montana State Prison next week, Mattheson has still been unable to be reached. The only parcels needed for actual construction projects is the Montana State Prison land.

Old Business:

Non-Agenda Items:

The Airport Layout Plan (ALP) was reviewed on what could be considered for industrial use. In order to remove this land from federal oversight we would need to complete a review and have a plan for what that property would be used for and make sure it is not incompatible for airport uses and safety. A

proposal has to be approved by the FAA and the State Land Board representing the Prison. 40 acres behind the armory could be developed for airport revenue.

The board agreed to not meet in June, July, August. The Airport Board Meetings will resume on September 19th at noon.

Public Comment:

Bruce asked what the airport would like as far as a proposal for building a new hangar. The board requested a sketch of the plan and access to the hangar.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Kyla Johnson, Administrative Assistant