

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.,

Location: Ely Jet Center

Present: Tim Parish, Mike Coster, Dan Netcher, Greg Rivero, Airport Manager Bill Calderwood

Also Present: Commissioner Janet VanCamp, Commissioner Laurie Carson, Tim Keough, Greg Copeland & Theresa Foxley with rPlus Hydro and Secretary Lori Romero

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Netcher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. *DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: MINUTES-CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL:

April 4, 2023 – Mike Coster made the motion to approve the minutes. Dan Netcher seconded the motion. All approved.

2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report – Tim Parish

The usage report for April was presented. Private flights were up and commercial flights were down.

3. INFORMATION ONLY: Report on Airport Operations

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood gave his contact information to the board members.

A. Crosswind Runway

B. Monthly review of lease and rental agreements, including Hangar 1 and related payments received to include detail of monthly rents, ramp and tie down collections, and fuel flowage fees

Bill Calderwood had spent time going through the contracts with Mike Coster. He stated he still needed to acquire a couple of contracts and a couple have expired. He inquired if there is a set increase in the contracts. Board members responded not necessarily and the contracts are approved through the Board of County Commissioners.

Tim Parish stated he has had numerous complaints about the number of NOTAMs (10) and not being addressed. Bill Calderwood stated the lights are in and he will work with maintenance on getting them installed. The process of how a NOTAM is established and cleared was discussed. Tim Parish stated once the PAPI (precision approach path indicator) is fixed the NOTAMs regarding that could be removed. Efforts will be made to clear up NOTAMs.

C. Old Airport House

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood explained the house has no power or water and after conducting a walk through would recommend it be demolished. The abatement of a nuisance and funding available was discussed. Mike Coster suggested the fire department might want to use it for practice. Mike Coster made a motion to recommend to the County Commissioners for the old house to be torn down with abatement of a nuisance funds. Dan Netcher seconded the motion. All approved.

Bill Calderwood stated there is an airplane deicer at the road department that has been there for about 16 years. It went through a county auction once, would anyone care if it went through surplus as scrap to be rid of it. It was the consensus of the board members to scrap the deicer.

Bill Calderwood reported he had a call from AT & T about getting into a closet. Tim Parish stated several companies have radios in the closet and he has been a contact person since he is on site. It was the consensus of the board members for Tim Parish to continue in that role.

Mike Coster reported Kurt Haukohl and Christopher Yarrow would be in Ely on May 15th and 16th to complete the annual inspection.

4. *DISCUSSION/UPDATE: Presentation on White Pine Pumped Storage Energy Project

Mike Coster inquired why this item is on an airport agenda. Greg Copeland presenter for rPlus Hydro stated the transmission line runs along NV Energy's line and could be a concern if the airport expanded according to the masterplan. Greg Copeland presented their plan and answered questions. A hardcopy of the presentation will be emailed out for board members.

5. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Great American Eclipse

Greg Rivero attend the meeting regarding the eclipse that will take place on October 14, 2023 at approximately 9 am. The Tourism and Rec. Board along with others are still in the planning stage of events. An influx of tourist is expected.

6. DISCUSSION ONLY: Future of Reno Air Races and possibility of Ely Airport housing two or more classes of races or practices in 2024 or 2025

Mike Coster stated he requested this agenda item to see if there was interest among the board. He reported the organization is wanting to keep the event in Nevada and at the present time Wendover seems to be interest. If the Ely Airport is interested in hosting an event the RARA organization would need to be approached. It was the consensus to keep informed and see what develops.

7. *DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of possible airport open house in 2023

Mike Coster stated the Young Eagles in St. George, Utah needs a couple of weeks' notice and it would be nice to cover airplane fuel to the event and lunch. Dan Netcher expressed concerns about the ramp possibly being full with attendees of the eclipse and hosting an open house at the same time. Greg Rivero reported the Tourism and Rec. Board was trying to make 3 days before and 2 days after to extend the event to keep people in the area. He added we are in the path of best view and expects a lot of people to show up. Mike Coster made the motion to change the date of the open house to October 7, 2023. Tim Parish seconded the motion. All approved. Mike Coster will invite other pilots from other airports to attend to show their planes. Tim Parish will contact the High School Rodeo Club and food trucks about participating. He will also talk to the med flight members. Dan Netcher will contact Wendover for a war plane or T33. Board members will continue to make contact with possible participants including the Southern Utah Flight School. More brain storming will take place at the June meeting.

8.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review, discuss and how to resolve issues (gates, security, equipment & maintenance needs) at the Airport with Bill Calderwood

Bill Calderwood reported he put a lock on the gate to replace the clip. Dan Netcher inquired if a drag could be done on the dirt road between the hanger and the main ramp to eliminate ruts. Mike Coster stated gravel needs to be swept off the runways and if the doorway of the hangar could be looked at again to see how it could be fixed.

9. INFORMATION ONLY: Updates/Reports from County Representative
Commissioner Janet VanCamp stated she had nothing to report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS: For County Commission Agenda Item

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood will recommend to the Commissioners to use the abatement nuisance fund to demo the old airport house.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS: For Airport Advisory Board Agenda Items

Agenda items were: Usage report; Airport Operations & Maintenance Report; Information Only: Update on the Great American Eclipse; Discussion of possible airport open house on October 7, 2023;

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane VanCamp thanked Mike Coster for spending the time taking her and Bill Calderwood on a tour of the airport.

Tim Keough inquired if the old office portion of the hangar could be torn down with the old house.

12. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board Dan Netcher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Coster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Netcher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Yelland Field Airport Usage Report

	Private Planes	Commercial	Medical	Government	Total Enplanements
Jan-21	52	52	41	10	320
Feb-21	30	41	30	22	308
Mar-21	41	52	32	19	327
Apr-21	70	48	43	32	456
May-21	113	57	34	22	539
Jun-21	249	142	78	30	602
Jul-21	280	70	40	4	830
Aug-21	155	144	92	28	628
Sep-21	191	111	84	12	503
Oct-21	158	99	78	6	361
Nov-21	142	82	75	14	348
Dec-21	81	85	74	8	277
Yrly Total	1562	983	701	207	5499

	Private Planes	Commercial	Medical	Government	Total Enplanements
Jan-22	129	140	74	27	355
Feb-22	76	128	68	45	329
Mar-22	114	105	70	33	369
Apr-22	162	93	50	23	360
May-22	170	95	86	51	443
Jun-22	390	96	84	20	466
Jul-22	649	122	52	31	781
Aug-22	160	99	83	30	496
Sep-22	163	99	102	25	462
Oct-22	212	101	63	15	455
Nov-22	118	50	84	8	307
Dec-22	87	64	105	23	359
Yrly Total	2430	1192	921	331	5182

	Private Planes	Commercial	Medical	Government	Total Enplanements
Jan-23	59	211	102	14	401
Feb-23	88	85	92	16	365
Mar-23	55	101	78	36	399
Apr-23	157	97	56	18	370
May-23					
Jun-23					
Jul-23					
Aug-23					
Sep-23					
Oct-23					
Nov-23					
Dec-23					
Yrly Total	359	494	328	84	1535