

WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.,

Location: Ely Jet Center

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

Also Present: Commissioner Janet VanCamp, Tim Keough, Mike Dikun & Nadine with Armstrong Consultants (phone) and Secretary Lori Romero

Absent: Dan Netcher

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Parish called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: MINUTES-CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL: May 2, 2023 – Mike Coster made the motion to approve the minutes. Tim Parish seconded the motion. All approved.

2. INFORMATION ONLY: Airport Usage Report – Tim Parish

The usage report for May was presented. Mike Coster inquired if gliders were counted. Gliders and the tow plane are counted when they are present. It was reported the gliders are arriving later this year due to the weather conditions are not conducive for the gliders at the present time.

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 stated the PAPI lights at the south end of runway 18 still is not working. The sweeper is not working. He has completed two dump runs with weeds and garbage, back filled the ruts and discover nitrogen tanks at the crash building for the ARFF truck. The Hangar 1 door rail has three spots needing fixed. The middle was fixed until it can be replaced. Bill will address replacing it with County Manager Mike Wheable after July 1st. He inquired if the doors need to that wide. Mike Coster stated a 50' X 16' doorway will accommodate most type of planes. Tim Parish added to accommodate the med-flight planes it needs to be 60' X 16'.

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood inquired if any of the members knew anything about the fiber that is being installed or who the contractor is. Tim Keough reported the ASOS hasn't been working since they started work and that maybe a line has been cut. It was noted the phone line wasn't working. Word is the contractor is to be back on June 13th.

Mike Coster inquired if the report for the state inspection that took place on May 15th with Chris Yarro and Kurt Haukohl had been received. Bill Calderwood responded he had not receive it.

C. Old Airport House

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood explained the house will it be demolished before the end of the budget year. The abatement of a nuisance and funding from that fund will be used

Airport Manager Bill Calderwood reported he had a discussion with County Manager Mike Wheable regarding a lounge area with bathroom for the pilots to access in the crash building. Tim Parish stated his business is already providing this service for the pilots and is willing to continue to do so. It was the consensus this wasn't needed.

The tie downs are out and ready for the gliders when they start arriving. Bill Calderwood stated the lights by the airport entry and the parking lot are working.

4. *DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Notice to Armstrong Consultants about proposed solar panel project on or adjacent to the Ely Airport

Tim Parish asked if Armstrong Consultants were aware of this project. Mike Dikun replied he was not but maybe Ken Moen knew something about it. He went on to say if it is on airport property the FAA will be involved or if it is near to property there will be testing required by FAA. The FAA has specific guidelines the project will have to meet.

It was the consensus there was not much support for this project on or near the airport. The board requested if Commissioner Janet VanCamp could get more information regarding this project to bring back to the July meeting.

5. INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Great American Eclipse

Greg Rivero stated he missed the last meeting but would be attending the meeting later this week. He will report at the July meeting.

6. DISCUSSION ONLY: Bids to be taken for Reno Air Race successor location

Tim Parish referred to the Kit Planes article looking for bids. Mike Coster referred to an email that sent to the County Commissioners by Eric Lawrence encouraging the county to bid on the races. He stated Ely couldn't host all the races but could host smaller plane class if RARA is willing to try a couple of places. Wendover has been talked about as first choice and Jean as second choice due to airport location and rooms available to accommodate spectators. Tim Parish would support if RARA is going to host and operate as there isn't the local manpower to do it ourselves. He added Hangar space is another issue.

Mike Dikun with Armstrong Consultants stated he hasn't seen the application to know what RARA is looking for. He added it took decades to become what it is today and they may have to split up the races in the beginning until they find the right facility to host all the races.

7. *DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of airport open house on October 7, 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. To date he hasn't had any commitments. It was the consensus to contact Ken Heinbaugh for RC planes, have something for drones and Mike Coster suggested a build a balsa wood plane with a contest for the kids. Brain storming will continue.

8.*DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Change July Meeting Date

It was noted the July meeting would fall on July 4th. Mike Coster made the motion to change the July meeting date to July 11, 2023. Tim Parish seconded the motion. All approved.

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS: For County Commission Agenda Item
None

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; Discussion/For Possible Action: Bids to be taken for Reno Air Race successor location

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Coster thanked Airport Manager Bill Calderwood for addressing the hangar rail, weeds etc.

12. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to be addressed by the Airport Advisory Board Tim Parish called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Coster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Parish seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07p.m.
Next Meeting Date: July 11, 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	212	82	92	24	514
Jun-23					
Jul-23					
Aug-23					
Sep-23					
Oct-23					
Nov-23					
Dec-23					
Yrly Total	571	576	420	108	2049