

Airport Committee Minutes

Date: January 22, 2018

In Attendance:

Shawn Coleman Dale Cruson Amanda Vansyckle Jim Bain
Alternate – John Freeburg

Ex Official Members: Norm Crume

Airport Manager: Dan Beaubien

FBO: Tom Frazier

JUB Engineering: Toby Epler

City Engineer: Dan Cummings

TVCC Aviation Program Director: Ron Hanks

Public: Pete Morgan

A quorum was established

The meeting opened at 6:00

The agenda was handed out prior to the meeting

The December Minutes were read by Secretary Dale Cruson. Jim Bain moved to accept the minutes, Amanda Vansyckle seconded and the minutes were passed.

Old Business:

Toby Epler gave a report about the new taxiway lights. They are having problems with one of the area lights but it is scheduled to be fixed. Next spring there will have to be a two week airport closure for night operations. This will most likely be in April. Toby was asked about the possibility of sliding our airport improvements 1 year so we could use FAA funds to purchase airport dedicated heavy equipment. Toby said it would be difficult but possible. The FAA does not like changes in the immediate future of our schedule. Dan Beaubien said he would like to continue to look into applying for surplus equipment. The discussion concluded that the security fence and gates were a higher priority than more equipment.

Dan Beaubien said the one-ton snow plow was back from the mechanics and is now working.

New Business:

The proposed grass strip was asked about and Dale Cruson gave a short report. He looked into the expense of putting in a sprinkler system. It all seems to depend on the availability and quantity of well water. Information about the existing wells and pumps in the vicinity of the proposed strip is being looked into.

Dan Beaubien said the FAA said as long as it is not designated as a runway there would be no problems putting in the grass strip. Dan said the FAA even said we could take out their fence but Dan would check to see if it needed to remain airport property or if it could be sold. We thought that volunteer labor could be employed to do the work. Pete Morgan said the soil is pretty alkaline but it varies and grass has been grown in the area.

Reports:

Airport Manager: Dan Beaubien showed the committee a flyer on the North West Conference on Air-shows is at SeaTac and asked if anyone would like to go to learn more about how to put on an airshow here at Ontario.

Dan would like members to check for any corrections to the board member's addresses.

FBO Operator: Tom Frazier

He has had more requests for hangar spaces in the last month than in a long time.

TVCC Aviation Program Director: Ron Hanks

The National VA has given the TVCC Flight School its accreditation.

The Idaho VA has done the same. The Oregon VA is still in the process but should receive it in a month.

The Flight School purchased a tow plane and it needs to be picked up as soon as weather allows.

The City Manager Adam Brown and TVCC are still negotiating on the Golf Club house for its eventual use in 2019. TVCC also plans to use the modular building next to the FBO for office/classroom space as soon as possible.

The Goat glider is underway with the arrival of the tail parts. High school students are very excited about the opportunity for hands on experience.

JUB Engineering: Toby Epler said the future spray loading area on the south end of the airport and the fence are the current considerations. Jim Bain asked where he will go if the Jet Parking is expanded. He said the south end is not very viable as the houses next to the proposed area are too close for noise abatement during night operations. A discussion about a commercial hangar to be built by the

City of Ontario and would be leased out. Toby said he would do some preliminary layout plans and see where the grass strip would impact these other locations.

City Council Representative: Norm Crume said Silver Hawk may want to put in infrastructure for a hangar in two weeks. The Ontario Airport is ranked #1 for the COAR Grant and Dan Cummings said he just came from a meeting and it was awarded to Ontario for the fence and gate project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21

Respectfully Submitted

Dale Cruson