

## **AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS MEETING Discussion**

### **Monday, January 8, 2018 Flight Service Building 2 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Phair. Present were Doug Phair, Patrick Lifto, Bob Lunde, Philip Emmons, Keith Holmlund, Jeff Langkau, and Dorothy Willems (Secretary). Absent: Mayor John Hollowell and Paul Grutkowski. Guest: Agri Industries – Mike Ames, Nate Black (Manager), Lyle Imbem (Engineer), and Dalton Johnson (Engineer).

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

- Pat Lifto made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 Minutes. Bob Lunde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **City/County Agreement**

- Keith Holmlund reported the 1948 City/County Interlocal agreement expired June 2017. Keith Holmlund advised the Board the agreement is 1.5 mils for the City and County equally but that has the County paying \$30,000 annually to support the Airport and the City paying \$14,040.00 with the City Interfund Operating Transfers Out charging the Airport \$19,292.00 leaving the City support of the Airport being (\$5252). At the request of the Commissioners the City met at the Courthouse for a meeting with the Commissioners and part of the Airport Board 12/28/2017. Mayor John Hollowell took notes and agreed to investigate the accounting charges the airport now pays. The change in Airport Board Members from 5 to 7 will also have to be changed in the new document. The Commission and the City agreed to issue a Memorandum of Understand to extend the present agreement to June 2018 to make necessary changes to the 1948 agreement.
- With no City Representation at the Airport Meeting Bob Lunde will visit with Rick Huber if he could probably be a City Representative for the City.

#### **Fuel Flow Fees**

- Jeff Langkau has not done too much investigating with other airports but did check with one that said if the pilots brought fuel from them they did not charge for fuel flow fees. This item will be added to next month agenda for further reporting.

#### **New Hanger**

- Regarding funding or grants available for new hangers Doug Phair reported he had talked to Traci & Midrivers finding that 1/2 of their grant funds would be available for Miles City (\$380,000). Estimated cost of a new hanger could be up to \$450,000. Doug Phair will check with Traci again regarding applying for that funding.

#### **Solar Panel Project /VD Clean Energy-Mt Sun (Mike Klein)**

- Pat Lifto and Doug Phair reported on their meeting with Mark Klein regarding 80 Mega Watt Solar Panel Project and use of 500 acres. Project cost would be at \$100 million financed by Copenhagen Energy Partners putting \$15 million into Miles City Economy. Report of the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is attached to the minutes. VK Clean Energy will be putting a proposal to together and bring it back to the next Airport Board meeting.
- Pat Lifto advised two huge hurdles to this project are getting permits from WAPA and getting Easements for the Transmission Line.
- 35% Tax Investment Tax Credit available for Energy Companies on project like this one.

#### **Agri Industries Miles City Irrigation Project Proposal- Mike Ames, Nate Black (Manager), Lyle Imbem (Engineer), & Dalton Johnson (Engineer)**

- Mike Ames presented a booklet with pump, piping, pivot, estimated cost, and loan options.
- Review cost of Energy Cost, Pivots, piping, HP (950-1200 HP), and acreage involved. Pivot 3 would involve property outside airport property and would have to be negotiated.
- Bob Lunde will investigate funding to get the water up the hill that may be available through a federal agency.
- Jeff checked on USDA funding and DEQ Grants Funding and did not locate any. Possible BLM Funding for water at the Airport.
- 1977 Reserved Water Rights to the County would have to be applied for but are available.
- MDU costs are a question depending on cost pay back and load.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Finance –
  - Check account balance \$182,657.91
  - Account Receivables \$20,115.35

- November & December Salaries & City Charges (\$28,000.00)
- Last Loan Payment from 2009 Project March 2018 (\$5,099.34)
- Estimated Balance January 8, 2017 \$168,673.92
- Airport Improvement Fund \$68,455.12

- Operations –
- Development –

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Manager Report (copy attached)**
  - **Claims Vouchers**
    - Bob Lunde made a motion to accept the claim voucher for January 2018 (\$6,425.45) including the Donnelly Overhead Door bid to replace jack shaft opener on the hangar door with Liftmaster T-25 jackshaft opener with hoist for \$1350.00. Keith Holmlund seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.
  - **Leases**
    - Signed Lease Addendums received from MT DOT & Dr. Brooke. Both leases have been paid. Have also received Lease and payment from Ben Holman for this year.
  - **Courtesy Car \$2000 Grant from Montana Department of Transportations**
    - Miles City request for this Grant has been denied but can apply again in 2020. Bob Lunde will be donating a Mini Van and a wheelchair to the airport.
    - Jeff will be removing one of the cars from Courtesy Car Insurance and be adding the Mini Van to the Courtesy Car Insurance in the spring.
  - **Reject Sand Purchased**
    - Clint Reil purchased reject sand for his farm for development of water driven electric generator off his center pivot system
  - **Hour worked and Aircraft Ops for December 1917**
    - Copy attached

#### ADJOURNMENT

Doug Phair adjourned the meeting.