

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

Tuesday

August 8th, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rod Brewer, Vice-Chairman Ben Hurwitz were present for the meeting.

Claims Review / Minutes Review:

ACTION #1

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the minutes from August 1st, 2023. Commissioner Hurwitz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Airport Update – RPA – Lance Bowser:

Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) Engineer, Lance Bowser, Airport Board Member Sam Berg and Airport Board President Kurt Burns entered the chambers at 8:20 a.m.

Bowser opened the meeting by reviewing recent improvements to the airport. The FAA grant AIP 3-30-0083-012-2021 is complete. The crack sealing, seal coating, coal tar and painting is 100% completed and the closeout documents have been submitted. The Airport Layout Plan was submitted to the FAA on 3/08/23 and was approved by FAA on 06/06/23. The FAA Grant Closeout Final Report was submitted on 06/16/23 and we are waiting for the FAA to close the grant and reimburse the county the 10% hold back of \$9,183.48.

Bowser then reported on the FAA Grant AIP 3-30-0083-013-2024 Obstruction removal grant. Instrument Approach Procedure Data Collection was completed on 11/28/22. FAA Flight Procedures were able to design a vertically guided approach with obstructions in place. The GPS instrument approach procedure development could still fail at flight check prior to publication. The Instrument Approach check is scheduled for this fall. The Instrument Approach procedure is scheduled for publication on 7/11/24 subject to flight check this fall. Bowers recommended waiting on the obstruction removal grant until flight check is complete.

Bowser reported that the AWOS upgrades are complete, the next option for the AWOS system would be to add the National Airspace Data Interchange Network (NADIN). The addition would cost an estimated \$50 / month.

Bowser reviewed the Non- Primary Entitlement Transfer Agreement with the Havre Airport. Havre has one final payment of \$155,000 due in 2024 and the agreement will be fulfilled.

Bowser gave an update on Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) for the airport. The plan is updated annually to justify annual FAA funding accumulations of Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding and to help the FAA and Airport align funding for major projects.

