

PAYETTE AIRPORT COMMISSION
February 14, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

4:30 PM – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Payette Airport Commission was called to order at 4:15 PM by Board President Frazer Peterson.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Frazer Peterson, Paul Sunderlin, Nikita Clark, Jeff Roper,
Chandelle Huerta and Jan Zatloukal
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Jamie Couch, Streets & Parks Supervisor; Mary Cordova, City
Coordinator; Ray Wickersham, Council Liaison
Others Present: Tim Avery; Lance Hoch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

01-10-2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Sunderlin and seconded by Huerta to approve the regular meeting minutes of 01-10-2023.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion
CARRIED.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Fuel Sales – January
Peterson noted that the Foreflight app has the wrong fuel prices on it. Peterson would update the site with the current prices, and Cordova will investigate the ability to update at the time the pricing is changed.
2. Airport Fund January Income Statement
No comments were heard regarding the Income Statement.
3. Discussion of Farming Land Around Airport
Mr. Lance Hoch introduced himself to the commission. He explained that he would like to plant barley right away. Hoch stated he would use a ripper that would go into the dirt about three inches, but he would want some guarantee from the City that he would be protected in case he hooked into something that he had no knowledge of what may be in the ground. He added that he would want a guarantee of two years to use the land. Cordova stated that since this will essentially be a long-term lease of City property, the City may have to post a Request for Proposals.

Clark moved to send a favorable recommendation to the Council to allow Lance Hoch to farm the airport property for two years.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion **CARRIED.**

4. Request to Provide Flight Instruction Classes in Airport Lounge
Clark informed the Board that he did not know John Wemberly as listed on the agenda, and believed that the person who made the request is Jeff Norris. Cordova noted that this item will be listed on the next agenda of the Airport Commission.
5. Discussion on UL94 Unleaded Fuel
Zatloukal commented that the requirement for UL94 fuel may be mandated by 2029. Peterson added that 100 octane will be available in July.

6. Gate to Airport Taxiways

Zatloukal stated that the members were going to look into a price for a gate. The Commission discussed a cantilevered gate may be installed for a price of twenty-thousand dollars. Tim Avery asked the Commission why install a gate. Zatloukal replied it would help keep people out of the taxiway areas. Most of the time of when it happens is during the summer in the evenings. Clark commented that he is more in favor of starting out with a big sign, and we need a sign to not allow people on the runways. There are instances where people get killed by landing aircraft. Huerta commented that Emmett has a large sign. Peterson commented that the Commission will discuss what they would like a sign to say at their next meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Lance Hoch informed the commission that Caldwell is becoming a very unfriendly airport, and they need to make sure that refugees from Caldwell are not allowed. People will be leaving there in droves.
- Lance Hoch asked the Commission if there is a place to land in the dirt. The Commission discussed landing in the strip between the runway and the taxiway, but it is all filled with Kosha, so it will be at the risk of the pilot. Hoch asked if he could run his harrow over the strip to break it up. Clark commented that the strip has been sterilized over the years. Jamie Couch commented that they have place 10 lbs. of sterilant per acre for over thirty years in that area. Hoch added that he has some drought resistant grass seed he could use with his harrow to see what happens. Clark stated that the runway is the designated spot for aircraft. Once off of the runway, if a pilot hits a mole hole, it is their problem.
- Zatloukal asked for suggestions for what type of spray to use for maintaining weeds around the hangars. Roper informed the Commission that the County Weed Department has a free "spray day" where they will fill your tank with product at no charge. Peterson asked for a letter to be sent out to the hangar owners informing them of the new requirement of weed maintenance around hangars.
- The Commission discussed that the grass mowing be paid for this year out of the Airport fund. Sunderlin noted that Ricardo Vasquez has offered to mow the grass.
- Clark commented that parking is needed next to the hangars. It was discussed that the ground gets really soft and then mud gets tracked on the taxiways. Zatloukal wondered if gravel can be placed around the hangars. Peterson stated that could be a capital project to do someday. Jamie Couch explained that if gravel is laid in certain places, the Commission needs to think about when the drainage would go. A second pond may need to be put in to catch the surface drainage. The Commission discussed they would adjourn the meeting and walk around the hangars to look at the parking and mud situation.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by to adjourn by Roper and seconded by Clark.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion
CARRIED and the meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM

Signed and approved March 14, 2023

Frazer Peterson, Commission President