

MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ian Morcott, Martin Pike, AJ Lewis, Steve Mulberry, Richard Buxton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Page, Paul Hibbard

REPRESENTATIVES: Rich Urquidi – Public Works Director; Tom Hoegg – Airport Manager; Councilman Brennan; Toby Epler – JUB Engineers, Inc.

GUESTS:

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Mr. Urquidi pointed out a correction to the November 16, 2021, minutes that needed made prior to the motion. In **OLD BUSINESS** in **Airport Overlay Creation** it should state that **Ian Morcott** passed out the proposed City of Mountain Home Municipal Overly Zone to the committee and not Mr. Urquidi. Ian Morcott made a motion to approve the minutes with the above stated correction from the November 16, 2021 meeting. Martin Pike seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

Ted Thompson expressed his concern that there is no one at the airport most of the time to look over things and that it was really a problem with the snow. There was no one to direct the snowplows, no one to tell them when it needs to be done, and no one to put the condition of the runway out. The city closed the runway rather than put the conditions out and let pilots decide if they wanted to use it or not. Even now there are huge ice boulders along the taxiways. The taxiway between the hangars wasn't cleaned. There was snow that someone had dragged across to the middle of the taxiway. Equipment was left in parking places; his tie down rope was torn off. Ted understands those things happen, but it doesn't have to. Larry Cronin was out there chipping ice on the taxiway with a shovel because there is no one there Monday through Thursday to take care of any of that stuff, they are just on our own with their shovels. He would have thought the runway could have been plowed so that all the snow could have melted. The taxiways would have melted, and it wouldn't have created big ice balls, but nothing happened until it started to warm up. They still can't use one of the taxiways. There are rocks on the intersections of the taxiways and runways that hasn't been cleaned up. He's just not sure what is going on out there, it is just being left unattended.

OLD BUSINESS

FAA Funding and Projects

Toby passed out the final layout of the taxi lanes that are currently being designed near the Quonset hut area and wanted to know if the committee was okay with him sending it to the FAA for approval. No one on the committee had any objections. Toby said that JUB would move forward and submit the plan to the FAA for their final approval. Hopefully it will go out to bid the beginning of March and likely begin construction in late summer/early fall. Carry forward.

Airport Overlay Creation

AJ asked if anyone had any feedback regarding the draft City of Mountain Home Municipal Airport Overlay Zone and if everyone had a copy of it. Mr. Urquidi went to the map and showed the committee some ideas that they city had thought of.

Since Richard Buxton had not had the opportunity to review the draft overlay document, the committee requested if they could meet again on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to make a recommendation to the council. A tentative meeting was set pending city hall approval. Carry forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect 2022 Committee Chairman

Martin nominated AJ Lewis to serve as Chairman. AJ nominated Ian Morcott. AJ explained that he was happy to serve again, but if there was interest from anyone else that he would be happy to have someone take the opportunity. Steve Mulberry seconded the motion for Ian Morcott. All in favor, motion carried. Item closed.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

New committee member, Richard Buxton, introduced himself to the committee and gave a brief description of this background.

Brock Cherry asked AJ to make sure the committee was aware of the storage units that are going in near United Metals. These storage units were included in the briefing from Mr. Urquidi.


Mr. Urquidi asked Toby for any information they may have regarding fire codes and hangars. Toby said that the majority of all the new recommendations are for two-hour burn firewalls. There are further variable exceptions in some cases though that would require more.

Councilman Brennan expressed his appreciation to the committee for their time, experience, commitment and knowledge regarding the airport and several important pending issues such as the airport overlay. He explained that he relies heavily on the committees' expertise and recommendations to the council and to please continue to be forthright with the council.

AGENDA SET FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ian Morcott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martin Pike seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 25, 2022 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

FAA Funding and Projects
Airport District Creation

NEW BUSINESS