



# CITY OF RED BLUFF

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## REGULAR AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

**Date of Meeting:** February 12, 2020  
**Time of Meeting:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place of Meeting:** Council Chambers, City Hall

**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Rob Schmid  
Vice Commissioner Pete Taylor  
Commissioner Randy Gow

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner David Cappello  
Commissioner Robert Moore

**Staff Present:** R. Scott Miller, Assistant Public Works Director / Airport Manager  
Marie Jensen, Administrative Technician

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
2. **Commissioner's Approval of Minutes**

January 8, 2020

Motion: Gow  
Second: Taylor

Ayes: Taylor, Gow, Schmid  
Noes: None  
Abstained:

### 3. **New Business**

#### 3.1 **Mt. Shasta Chapter, Ninety-Nines Air Race**

Donna Harman, Chairperson of the Ninety-Nines informed the commissioners that they are planning a "Palms to Pines" air race for August 14<sup>th</sup> and requested to use the Red Bluff Airport as a pit stop and overnight stay in Red Bluff. Then they would resume the race the following day and proceed to Klamath Falls, Oregon. The total race is 790 statute miles. They would be landing in Red Bluff between 12:00 and 17:00. They would need transportation provided for contestants to stay at the Hampton Inn. Their chapter will take care of the majority of the event but is requesting a little help from the other local chapters. Commissioner Rob Schmid said that he is familiar with this event and would be happy to

accommodate for the race. Airport Manager, Scott Miller will notify the Police Department and the Fire Department of the activities going on at that time. Scott also checked if permits are required and they are not. However, additional review, coordination, and approval of pending on-field race day activities will be required from the Airport Manager. Commissioner Gow asked if they knew the number of people that have signed up for the race and she said that the deadline is July 14<sup>th</sup> and then she would have an accurate count.

#### **4. Current Business**

##### **4.1 Fixed Base Operator (FBO) – Gary Walker Informational**

Gary informed the commissioners that the Fuel Island upgrade has been ordered and it should be here within the week. It will be serviced through Wi-Fi, a lot faster, and user friendly. They are switched over to Phillips as a fuel supplier with the new signs going up and new hoses installed. Commissioner Rob Schmid asked if they were going to paint and Gary said yes and will be painting their new signs. The new Jet Truck will go into service next week, with the new Avgas truck following between now and summer.

#### **5. Old Business**

##### **5.1 Report of homeless executive meeting informational**

Commissioner Rob Schmid let everyone know that there was not a meeting. Their meeting was cancelled. So, there is nothing to report. Commissioner Gow spoke to Commissioner Bob Moore and that they were still looking into the LP site and that was all that was heard.

##### **5.2 Selection of Airport Consultant**

Airport Manager Scott Miller let the commissioners know that the City Council voted at the last meeting to select Armstrong as the new Red Bluff Airport Consultants. Fee negotiations will begin for the finalization of the contract awarding process. Armstrong was the highest ranking on a Qualification Based selection. The selection committee consisted of Airport Manager Scott Miller, Public Works Director Robin Kampmann, and Airport Commissioner Randy Gow. There were 4 applicants and they were very competitive.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **6.2 Improved Ramp Lighting**

Scott Miller informed the commissioners that our city electrician is back to work, and he has been on field to change out some of the bulbs that have been flickering on the ramps and improve the lighting for security. The building at the north gate had the light fixtures completely replaced. Commissioner Schmid said that there has been a lot of discussion regarding the visibility of the Beacon and the flooding of the ramp lights. He asked about the shrouds on the fixtures intended to hide the direct light of the Beacon. Scott said that shrouds are installed on some, but not all. While replacing the bulbs, they are getting measurements to add where not installed. Commissioner Schmid asked to have a conversation with our new consultants and see if maybe we can get them changed to down-draft fixtures. Scott let them know that they were installed to FAA the standards. Irwin Fust wants the Rotating Beacon raised at least 10 feet and he says that he can not see it! Commissioner Schmid let him know that it was designed to FAA standards and approved by the FAA.

### 6.3 SWAAAE Convention

Scott Miller informed the commissioners that he was contacted by a SWAAAE representatives which had heard about all of the local fires and the increase of helicopters operating out of Red Bluff. SWAAAE was hosting their annual convention that included trainings and "lessons learned". They had a section of airport emergencies and wanted to hear from a perspective of an airport manager that was new to the position. Content included what went right, what went wrong, and what could have been done better. The organization facilitates networking with other managers, airports, and aviation agencies. Scott was able to have beneficial one-on-one meetings with top officials with both CalTrans Aeronautics and FAA.

### 7. Closing Comments:

Ken Johnson, President of the TCAA stated that the Beacon Light is fairly nonexistent and when he went flying the other night, he noticed that the taxiway reflective poles were faded. Irwin Fust said that the Redding and Corning EAA has a Young Eagles Flight event coming up. Scott Miller informed the commissioners that the president of the California Associates of Airports sent him a copy of a 4-page letter directed to FAA to argue the tax diversion from aircraft fuel sales. Only 2% out of 7.4 million tax dollars made it back to the aeronautics account from the State of California. Commissioner Rob Schmid brought up that the Police Department Evidence building is being used for things that are not airport related and that it is not creating revenue for the airport. He was also inquiring when we would get it back. Scott Miller explained that is for large item storage for Police and it will soon also include aviation emergency equipment.

Chairperson Rob Schmid adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Scott Miller  
Assistant Public Works Director and  
Airport Manager