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REGULAR AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

Date of Meeting: September 8, 2021
Time of Meeting: 5:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall / via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Rob Schmid
Vice Commissioner Pete Taylor @ 5:44 pm (late)
Commissioner Robert Moore
Commissioner Randy Gow
Commissioner David Cappello

Commissioners Absent:

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**

May 12, 2021

Motion: Moore
Second: Gow

Ayes: Gow, Cappello, and Moore
Noes: None
Abstained: Schmid

3. **Citizen Comment:**
None

4. **Current Business**

4.1 **Fixed Base Operator (FBO) – Gary Walker**
Gary Walker with the FBO was absent.

Informational

5. Old Business

5.1 Report of Homeless Executive Meeting

Informational

Nothing to report.

5.2 Taxiway Rehabilitation Project

Chris Knocks from Armstrong informed the commissioners that the construction on the taxiway will likely occur in late October. American Road Maintenance is the prime contractor with a sub-contractor placing the slurry seal portion. City Council approved the acceptance of the grant at the last council meeting. Chris Knocks again reviewed the scope of the taxiway project. The weather should be good to work with the asphalt in October. The total contract is to perform the work within 20 days. There will be periods of taxiway and taxilane closures affecting access to the runway and hangars.

6. New Business

6.1 Helitack Fire Support Returns to RBL

Informational

Commissioner Rob Schmid asked Airport Manager Scott Miller if there were any problems while the fire support was at the airport. Scott informed them that one of the fire-fighting helicopters caught fire, however their crew promptly extinguished the fire prior to RBFD's arrival and there was only minor damage. Reported cause of fire was due to pilot error. Some of the helicopters landed where they weren't supposed to, but it was resolved. One helicopter had to make an emergency landing due to a faulty engine, but everyone was ok. Commissioner Rob Schmid asked if the city provided any water trucks to keep the dust down and Scott stated that USFS provides the contract water trucks. Gary Walker at the FBO provides the fuel as requested, and we track both the contractor fuel-flowage and the water consumption for billing to USFS. Commissioner Moore asked if everything was cleaned up when they left, and Scott said yes. Both Scott and the USFS helibase manager conducted a walk-through of the site at demobilization with a check-off list and make sure nothing was broken or operational items that were not removed. If any damages were noted, or items were remaining, the USFS would need to correct the issue or be billed.

6.2 RBL Emergency Response

Discussion

Commissioner Rob Schmid wanted to know if they could add the FBO to the list of people that are notified in case of an emergency along with the Fire Department and the Police Department. Scott informed the commissioners that the FBO is listed in the Public Works area along with the Airport Manager, City Manager etc.... for notifications. Commissioners Cappello asked if there was a designated location to place the fuel trucks so that in the event of an emergency, will be out of the way with all the fuel in it and he was concerned. Scott Miller let them know that the spot its in is the set spot because of theft and other issues.

6.3 Draft Drainage Repair and Tie-Down Configuration

Discussion

The commissioners discussed the next proposed grant project with Chris Knocks with Armstrong Consultants. Chris stated that the ramp currently slopes towards the hangars and they will be addressing it to also constructing a gutter to contain some of the drainage. Commissioner Pete Taylor said that there is problem drainage towards his hangar, and he wanted to know if that would fix the problem and Chris said they'd investigate. Chris also reviewed the proposed change of the tie down layout. Discussion included concern of ground traffic flow, accessibility, and existing/proposed capacity. The commissioners would like to revisit the tie down changes and possibly just improve the existing positioning.

6.4 TCAA Fly-In and Cruise -In

Commissioner Rob Schmid said that it was cancelled and was wondering if anyone had heard why it was cancelled. Scott Miller stated that the TCAA had concerns regarding the increase of local COVID cases and the various nearby wildfires affecting airport operations and visiting participants.

7. Closing Comments:

Scott Miller informed the commissioners that he was approached about letting a 400 ft blimp come to the Red Bluff Airport. Scott Miller is still researching where we could put it. Arrival was expected to be around the first week of October and it would just be overnight. Rob Schmid complained that the Fat-tire Boys were landing in the dirt again and breaking the taxi way lights and would like something done about it. Scott Miller stated that he has witnessed this occasionally as well and has reported each of the offending aircrafts to the FAA FSDO.

Chairperson Rob Schmid adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Scott Miller
Assistant Public Works Director and
Airport Manager