

Salina-Gunnison Airport Board Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Salina-Gunnison Airport, Kurtley Peterson's Hangar

Board Members: Richard Nay, Airport Manager

Salina - Jed Maxwell, Mayor; John Maxwell, Council; Mel Anderson, Airport Member

Gunnison - Lori Nay, Mayor; Robert Andersen, Council; Kurtley Peterson, Airport Member

People in attendance: Ryan Savage, Engineer; Richard Nay, Airport Manager; Lori Nay, Mayor; Jed Maxwell, Mayor; John Maxwell, Salina Council Board Member; Mel Peterson, Airport User/Board Member; Kurtley Peterson, Airport User/Board Member; Robert Andersen, Gunnison City Council Board Member. Kade Hallows, airplane owner with proposition for the Board.

AGENDA:

1) Discuss, Review and Proposed Approval of:

- Minutes from last meeting, February 18, 2020 - Mayor Jed Maxwell made the motion and Second by Kurtley Peterson, Board Member to approve the minutes
- UDOT Runway Project – Funding, Scope, Plan – Ryan Savage, Project Engineer

Ryan Savage and Board discussed that this is a much needed maintenance project. State Aeronautics has contributed \$90,000 for the project (up from the \$550,000 they had promised in 2019). The original amount set aside in 2019 was not enough money to pay for the runway rehabilitation. The new amount means that each city needs to put an additional \$22,500 into the project and will need to do so in their next 2021-22 budget. A total of \$27,500 was set aside and approved in former city budgets for this project before it was found that this amount from the State was not sufficient to cover the cost of repaving the runway. The Board Discussed Airport Runway Reconstruction and Recycled Asphalt with Ryan and the pros and cons – group decided that recycled asphalt will be used as base and new paving on top. It is a better quality product and will last a longer period of time. Ryan said that it makes sense for a 30 year result. Recycled Asphalt for the asphalt top tends to be bumpy and less stable and Ryan did not recommend it even though it may save us 30%. He presented his estimate for the cost of just doing the runway and the cost of doing the runway and the taxiway and ramp, he thinks it will be close but we should be able to do all of the needed maintenance of the runway, taxiway and ramp with the \$900,000

from the State and \$50K from each city for a \$1 million project. He will put it all together so that hopefully, we will have it out to bid mid-May and then we get going on the project by July 1, 2021.

- Airport Infrastructure Needs - possible funding and implementation

Most important need is fuel sales – it will help the airport to be sustainable. We have 15 aircraft now at the airport. Mayor Nay suggested that Gunnison and Salina take next year's COVID money and build the tank and apparatus for the sell of fuel. Mayor Maxwell said they are without funds right now with the building of their City Hall and their multi-million dollar sewer project. Cities will talk later when COVID money is confirmed and how it can be used. Mayor Maxwell promised to speak with County to get them to support the additional \$22,500 and money for the fuel sales. Mayor Nay asked Jed to ask them to allow the airport to use the tax funds from the airport for the next 5 years so that we can build up our amenities and infrastructure. We need water @ \$50,000, a pilot lounge @ \$75,000 and then it would be great to upgrade power and build a large hangar for rental units (again for further sustainability). Airport Manager Nay stated that he gets calls weekly regarding hangar space and possible airplanes to be housed at the Airport.

The need for more funding will be a challenge but Mayor Nay said she will look for opportunities and hopes we could fund the top 3 priorities for the airport in a two year period. Future of airport bright and the Board wants to prepare for it – money must be found for these improvements and policies and infrastructure put in place for sustainability. Nay said possible financial support could come from HUD, Cities, County, Covid Funds, Highway 89 Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area, Utah Back Country Pilots, Utah Tourism, or by donation.

- Maintenance items

Beacon Lights are burning out within 3 weeks of installation – no gun shots, just burn out. Nay will get an electrician to come and see what can be done.

- Other

Assessment Fees for Taxi-ways to Hangars was discussed. No decision made but it was agreed that it made sense to do an assessment when new hangars are added so that they buy into the infrastructure. Board will need to review and discuss further regarding what that cost would be.

Kade Hallows was at the meeting to propose a new hangar at the airport. The Board and Manager welcomed the idea. They discussed location and other important details – Nay will send Hallows a copy of the lease agreement and requirements for building and Hallows will submit a site plan and building plan for review and approval. It will

then go to the Sevier County for plan approval. Robert Andersen made a motion to approve the plans for Kade as long as the Airport Manager approves all of the plans and placement of the hangar which is estimated to be 70' x 70' – Hallows will make it big enough for 2 or 3 planes. It was seconded by Kurtley Peterson – Board was unanimous in approval.

Robert Anderson motioned to adjourn the Airport Meeting at 8:26 P.M. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Date 10-7-2021

Mayor Maxwell



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Mayor Nay

