

**MINUTES OF THE EPHRAIM/MANTI AIRPORT BOARD
PILOT'S LOUNGE; MANTI-EPHRAIM AIRPORT
December 10, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Airport Board Chair Jeremy Hallows, Ted Meikle, Ephraim City Councilmember John Scott, Ex-officio member Mel Leseberg, and Ex-officio member Kevin Christensen

Staff Present: Brant Hanson, Airport Manager, Leigh Ann Warnock, Ephraim City Recorder

Airport Board Chair Jeremy Hallows conducted the meeting. He reported Ted Hodapp has sold his plane and hangar. Bill Funk has also sold his plane.

FAA MEETING REPORT

Brant and Mel attended a planning conference with the FAA. They have changed what is required on the Capital Improvement Plan. The Airport Board is interested in acquiring snow removal equipment that will remain at the airport. Cost for a plow would be approximately \$180,000. Another option would be a tractor with a blade. FAA will have no more funding after the 21st. With the Authorization Bill, the Board could apply for a grant in 2020 and will keep an eye on the match amount.

Jeremy commented they are also looking at a land purchase. Needed are a willing seller, a survey and appraisal, review, and audit. Grant money would pay for the appraised value, and Javiation would help find a broker. The FAA and UDOT encourage that process. Ted asked about a land swap and was informed the entire process would still have to be followed, but land traded would work as a match.

EPHRAIM/MANTI PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Brant spoke with the Manti City Manager regarding a proposal for the airport. Currently Ephraim is covering 80-90% of the costs of running the airport. Brant proposed creating an Airport Authority and hiring two part-time employees at \$25 an hour, at a yearly cost of \$45,000 to be paid by the two cities. An Airport Authority would replace the Airport Board and would open the door for the County to become more involved. A manager and an assistant would alleviate the pressure from Ephraim and lessen liability.

Manti seems to be on-board with the proposal. Brant feels a partnership agreement would not change anything.

AIRPORT FLY-IN REPORT

Jeremy thanked all on the Board who helped with the Fly-in. By all reports, Lt. Governor Cox's speech was "right on the nose."

Things learned to keep in mind for the next Fly-in:

- Advertising improvements
- Consistency
- Create more flight space (Perhaps move the food trucks outside the gate)
- Add drone demos
- UAOA advertising for Fly-in
- Provide helicopter rides (Tickets sold)
- Eagles – plane rides

LEASE AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

As a quorum was not present, the resolution was not approved.

ADJOURNMENT

JEREMY HALLOWS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes Approved: _____

Attest:

Jeremy Hallows, Airport Board Chair

Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder