RAVALLI COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

MARCH 4, 2009

The Ravalli County Airport Advisory Board met on this date at 2 p.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room at Hamilton. Members attending: Fred Hasskamp, Vice-Chairman; Judith Stewart, Secretary; Carl Fox, Treasurer; Jim Trowbridge, Frank Kucera and Phil Connelly. Absent: Dave Hedditch, Chairman and Tex Irwin.

Others attending: William Stewart, Willow Aviation; Doug McLaren, Ravalli County Safety Foundation President; Steve Wolters, North Star Aviation; Laurie Kelly, Hamilton Aviation; Dave Beckett, Hamilton Aviation; JR Iman, County Commissioner; Page Gough, Airport Manager; Dave Hardy, retired; Terry Parker, retired.

Vice-Chairman Fred Hasskamp called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Dave and Tex were at the Aviation Conference in Billings.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009: The minutes of the February 11 meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carl presented members with the financial report for the accounting period July 8 – February 9. The late fees problem seems to be resolved. Thanks, Page. Discussed the streamwater fees. The financial reports seems to be right on target for this time of year. A copy is attached to these minutes.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT: Given by Page.

1. The gravel parking area by the Forest Service and Hamilton Aviation is completed. Dave Beckett feels a little more work needs to be done. Page will address this.
2. Airport signage will be installed when the weather warms up.
3. Waiting for containment plans from North Star. Steve reported the ground is still frozen.
4. AWOS annual to be performed March 11th.
5. Page attended a DES class in February.
6. Received a request from ICARE regarding fuel reporting.
7. The Rules and Regulations have been updated. Will send each board member a copy so we can be ready for discussion at our next meeting.
8. Reported that according to the Rules and Regs, the FBO's have 5 days to get the airport manager a copy of the fuel invoice.
9. Unicom issues rose about what should be said on the Unicom. Members decided it was unfounded. The Unicom is basically just for information.
10. Problems still with AWOS. The discreet frequency does not loop continuously. It has to be keyed to work. May need to request future grant to upgrade.
11. The snow removal equipment was paid for today.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Several leases are in arrears. Perhaps a late fee should be charged. This might be added to the rules and regs.

NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER DISCUSSION:

1. Dave sent a letter to the Commissioners with our position requesting approval of Option 4 that the EA has suggested. ICCARE rep asked if all signed. Jim informed him that he did not sign the letter. It was not that he did not approve of Option 4, but to ancillary AIA (Airport Influence Area).
2. Discussed the EA. Was informed by JR that when he spoke with Dave Stelling, he was informed that the FSDO was not in position to say whether they would fund this or that... and it is not a trading game. They will give an answer after the Commissioners have offered a proposal. If they chose # 1, there would be no funding for runway maintenance. (This option is no change) A discussion followed. Members and those present all agreed that the airport needs to be SAFE. A lengthy discussion followed.
3. There will be another meeting of the Planning Board Department on the Airport Influence Area and Airport Infected Area on March 24th at Perkins at 7 p.m.
   Affected

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Stewart

Judith Stewart, Secretary