

Black Hills Airport Board

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019



The Black Hills Airport Board met on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 625 N. 5th Street, Spearfish, SD. Michael Rath called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Members present: Michael Rath and Darick Eisenbraun. Travis Lantis, Dan Hodgs and Randall Rosenau were absent. Quorum was not established, items will be reviewed, no action or recommendations. Others present were: Airport Manager Ray Jilek, KLJ Consultant Rod Senn, City Administrator Harmon, City Attorney McDonald, City Finance Officer Dutton and Admin Assistant Weber.

Approval for minutes from Special meeting of January 3, 2019 will move to the next meeting.

Airport Board Officers were elected at 1-3-2019 Special meeting - President: Michael Rath; Vice President: Dan Hodgs.

Ray Jilek, FBO presented BH Airport Operations Monthly Report:

- Traffic and fuel sales were down considerably for February.
- On Tuesday, March 20th, AWOS repair and recertification. An FAA representative was present and observed the recertification.
- Air Methods has a replacement helicopter following the incident where their helicopter was hit by an ambulance at a call site.
- Clyde Ice Exercise - Planning continues for a mock disaster preparedness exercise with all emergency response agencies on October 5th.
- Evaluating areas for new taxiways - out of room for private hangars with existing taxiways.
- City Administrator Harmon was given six volunteer applications for the board vacancy and he will review with Mayor Boke.
- Need for high speed internet options at the airport. Jilek asked for City assistance in gathering options. Airport needs more bandwidth as does Air Methods.
- Work continues on the Cultural Assessment - this will be examined next week at the annual Airports Conference in Watertown.
- Study on economic impact of the airport by SD DOT is in progress - last one was in 2010.
- 78 aircraft based at Black Hills Airport. 5 on T-hangar wait list.
- Review of Cultural Study Information: City Administrator Harmon states we have not been told exactly what was found. We have seen glimpses of maps and have a general idea where the 80+ sites were located. We have not been given opportunity to discuss or mitigate per FAA regulations. City Attorney McDonald stated avoidance is the only option we have been given. Avoidance includes the site as well as a 50' buffer surrounding.

KLJ - Rod Senn stated the Wildlife Assessment has been submitted to FAA.

Finance and Administration

City Administrator Harmon will request Mayor Boke to sign the Agency Agreement with the State of South Dakota Department of Transportation in regards to airport federal grant funding.

Finance Officer Dutton informed the board that the City is currently evaluating the Airport's finances and hope to bring fee recommendations to next meeting.

There were no public comments for this meeting.

Next meeting: Date – June 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM