



Black Hills Airport Board

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

The Black Hills Airport Board met on Thursday, June 13, 2019 in the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 625 N. 5th Street, Spearfish, SD. President Rath called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Rath and Rosenau; Lantis, Hodgs and Eisenbraun were absent. Others present were: Airport Manager Jilek, KLJ Consultant Senn, City Administrator Harmon, City Attorney McDonald, City Finance Officer Dutton, Assistant Finance Officer DeNeui, Interim Public Works Director Lee, Chief of Police Rotert, and Assistant Fire Chief Mathis. Quorum was not established therefore items were reviewed with no action or recommendation from the board.

Approval of minutes from special meeting of January 3, 2019 and regular session of March 21, 2019 will move to the next meeting.

Ray Bubb with SD Wildland Fire, requested an agreement for a single engine air tanker base to be located at Black Hills Airport. Currently SD Wildland Fire has agreements for similar bases in Lemmon, Hot Springs, and Rapid City. Space would be for several large (5,000 to 6,000 gallon) tanks and a stable water supply to mix the materials. The tanks could be moved after they are drained but would like to be set in a space approximately 250 ft. by 40 ft. The base wouldn't be established until fall 2019 or 2020. No overnight accommodations will be needed at the airport as the crews only fly during daylight but crews would be staying in local hotels when activated. Airport Manager Jilek asked for example agreements and details on space needs to coordinate with airport consultants on the location.

Ray Jilek, FBO presented BH Airport operations monthly report:

- Traffic and fuel sales were down for May.
- Mowing is a little behind but will be getting caught up.
- Lookout Mountain has a red light again.
- The State Fuel Tax Fund balance currently at \$13,276.
- The hay lease has been approved by City Council and will be starting for the haying season.
- The board has a vacant position and Mayor Boke is reviewing applicants.
- There is still a need for high speed internet options at the airport. Airport needs more bandwidth as does Air Methods.
- A meeting was held with FAA, KLJ, and City staff in Bismarck, ND on the crosswind runway options and the FAA met with surrounding communities on 6-12-2019.
- Clyde Ice Exercise - Planning continues for a mock disaster preparedness exercise with all emergency response agencies on October 5th.
- 78 aircraft based at Black Hills Airport. 5 on T-hangar wait list.
- Jilek denied a request from the Civil Air Patrol to practice with five drones at the airport sighting safety concerns, FAA standards, and increased traffic at the airport.

Rod Senn, KLJ consultant, noted meetings with the FAA have resulted in no mitigation options

for the culturally sensitive areas identified with the crosswind runway study. KLJ with work with City Administrator Harmon to get a scope of study prepared to evaluate other options for the City.

Finance Officer Dutton informed the board that City Council will consider increasing hangar leases \$0.01 per sq. ft. and the cold t-hangar leases \$15.00 per month plus applicable sales taxes at the next council meeting on June 17, 2019. Rates have not been increased since the transfer of airport sponsorship in 2016. Current lessees will be notified of the rate changes prior to the August 1, 2019 agreement deadline.

There were no public comments for this meeting.

Next scheduled meeting is September 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.