

MINUTES
REEDLEY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 28, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Reedley Airport Commission was held at Reedley City Council Chambers, 845 G Street, Reedley, California and called to order by Chairperson Ray Remy at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- A. Commissioners Present: Ray Remy, Chairperson; Ed Peters, Vice Chairperson; Robert Harris; David Richey.
- B. Commissioners Absent: Unexcused - Les Travioli.
- C. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Airport Manager; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Noe Martinez, City Engineer.
- D. Others Present: Tim Thiessen; Dean Castang; Fran Janzen; Cheryl Lingo, Reedley Exponent; Anthony Jewell; Fred Hall, Reedley Exponent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tim Thiessen noted that Commissioner Peters was not present at the November meeting, but the minutes reflected he was. Motion by Commissioner Peters seconded by Commissioner Richey to approve the November 19, 2009 Airport Commission minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. Tony Jewell – Requested that the City explore the idea of providing WiFi service for tenants at the airport. A monthly fee could be charged to offset the cost and actually provide another source of income for the airport. He would like to utilize it for a camera system and to trigger an alarm if an intruder enters his hangar. Commissioner Peters indicated he has a WiFi system for his business. He will send information to staff.
- B. Fran Janzen – Reported that weeds are out of control at the airport, especially in the parking area. Also needs to get started between the runways and offices.

5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Joel Glick
 - 1) Reported that staff has begun spraying with a new mixture of chemicals. With all the rain it has been hard to spray. In addition, the Proteus workers' term has ended that had been working on weed control at the airport. Commissioner Remy asked about contracting the mowing. Glick indicated that he wants to cut back the spending to bring the airport budget back in the black. We will try to do projects like this in house to keep the costs down.
 - 2) A copy of this week's front page article in the Reedley Exponent on the new AWOS system was distributed to the Commission. Glick thanked the Exponent staff for the great coverage.
 - 3) Electrical work started this Monday on the old city owned hangars. In addition to the explosion proof switches, all hangars will be outfitted with the same electrical amenities.
 - 4) Last week's storm caused the beacon to go out. Parts have been ordered and it should be operational very soon.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Election of Officers** – Motion by Commissioner Remy, seconded by Commissioner Peters to nominate Commissioner Harris for the Chairperson position. Commissioner Harris felt he didn't have enough Airport Commission experience. The Commission encouraged him to accept the nomination. Commissioner Harris accepted. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Peters to nominate Commissioner Richey as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried.

B. **Airport Capital Improvement Projects (ACIP) Update** – Glick and Cory Hazlewood, Airport Consultant met with Peter Hong of the FAA who informed them the City of Reedley has received a \$1 million grant to widen and reconstruct the taxiway. A five year plan was accepted by the FAA which included a total of five projects, one each year. The order of these projects can be rearranged if necessary. Commissioner Remy thanked Glick on behalf of the Commission for bringing the ACIP Report to them. Commissioner Remy asked about a GPS approach. Glick reported that Hong indicated that a lot of airports have applied for it. However, our airport doesn't have the minimum traffic required to qualify. There may also be some issues with the mountains being so close by. It was suggested that staff look into applying for the GPS and see what happens. Glick will consult with Hazlewood about this.

Commissioner Richey asked about the Pilot's Lounge remodeling. Glick indicated that the City's building inspector requested that some of the upgrades were not up to code, but won't be hard to fix, just needs reinforcement. The work was done by Proteus workers. He will bring the inspector out in the spring to find out what needs to be done. Commissioner Richey indicated that he has friends with construction experience who would be willing to do the work, if needed.

Glick reported that he will try to arrange a conference call with Hazlewood for every second Commission meeting.

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

A. The park/camping area was discussed. It was requested that a report on the Airport Beautification Fund be brought to next month's meeting to see if there is sufficient funding to build it, even if it has to be scaled back.

B. Commissioner Harris reported that fewer people are flying these days. He stressed that with the addition of the AWOS system, competitive fuel prices, cheap transient parking area and onsite FBO, Reedley offers a lot to pilots. If a camping area were available, even more would fly in. Infrastructure is the key – irrigation system and trees. More fundraisers could bring in more funding for this project.

C. Glick indicated that a fly in will be planned for the spring.

D. Glick met with Paul Huebert of Airtime BMX. They are willing to relocate, possibly to the Sports Park. Huebert is working on the cost and will present that to city staff as soon as it's available. As the BMX lease is up, it may be extended a year to allow for time to move. Commissioner Richey reported that he attended the last City Council meeting where Council was in favor of moving BMX to the Sports Park.

E. Glick is working with Tom Regier who has requested one of his 5 year options on his ground lease. Although there will be some modifications to the lease, the City wishes to continue its agreement with Mr. Regier as it is beneficial to both parties.

- F. Commissioner Richey asked about residential hangars. Glick indicated that the federal government won't fund airports with living quarters. Tim Thiessen indicated that if there are residents on airport property it opens it up as a security risk as the residents will have guests coming and going.
- G. Commissioner Harris asked that the time of the Commission meeting be put on the agenda for discussion and possible change. He indicated that airports are closing due to pilot apathy. It would be beneficial to hold Commission meetings when the public is better able to attend.
- H. Glick introduced Noe Martinez, City Engineer who will take over as Airport Manager in the near future. Glick will work with him to bring him up to speed with airport activities and projects. Martinez indicated that he appreciates the opportunity to work here.
- I. Fran Janzen indicated that there is a mower parked behind Regier's first row of hangars. He's not sure whose it is. Glick will look into it. Glick reported that the City does not have a tractor big enough to pull a mower, that is why it has always been contracted out.

8. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, it was moved by Commissioner Richey, seconded by Commissioner Harris to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.

Ray Remy, Chairman

Joel Glick, Interim Airport Manager

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant