

**MINUTES**  
REEDLEY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
Thursday, May 4, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER  
A meeting of the Reedley Airport Commission was held at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, California and called to order by Chairperson David Richey at 4:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
  - A. Commissioners Present: David Richey, Chairperson; Carl Smith, Vice Chairperson; Robert Harris; Robert Mason.
  - B. Commissioners Absent: Anthony Jewell.
  - C. Staff Present: Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
  - D. Others present: None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the March 23, 2017 Airport Commission minutes. Motion carried.
4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. **Finalize Airport Barbecue Plans** – Four airplanes and five pilots have been confirmed to give rides to the public. Two more are possible. Commissioner Richey talked with the Guest Speaker who indicated he is planning to be there. Commissioner Harris or Richey will personally invite City Council at their next meeting on May 9, 2017. Denise will provide Joel with fliers to pass out. The Commission asked Denise to email them the flier again. Commissioner Richey talked with David Rhodes who will, once again, donate a cast iron model airplane for a raffle prize. Denise was asked to double the number of trash cans since we will be serving double the amount of meals. As requested, Denise will bring an electric can opener for the chili. The pilot's lounge remodel will be completed by this event. Commissioner Richey reported the trees in the park area are looking better since he fertilized them. Commissioner Smith recently increased the watering to the lawn to help green it up. A special thanks was extended to Commissioner Richey for recruiting about 10 Aero students to help on the Airport Cleanup Day. Along with staff and the Commissioners, the fence line and tiedown areas look good. Commissioner Richey will bring Aero students to help park planes for the Barbecue. He will also bring some more mature volunteers. Metal stanchions with yellow rope will be utilized to delineate the airplane ride line (Richey will bring). A ticket will be given to each person who wants a ride. They will then line up. Rides will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Commissioner Harris will oversee this area of the event. Commissioner Mason will oversee the setup of the food area. He will create two serving lines with the barbecue in the middle. A separate condiment area will be set up away from the serving line, so as to speed the process up. Pilots who give rides will, once again, be compensated for their fuel. They will be asked to top off before giving rides and top off again afterward. That amount will be paid for out of the Beautification Funds (per the Commission's direction). Advertising has been extensive through social media and email. The Reedley Exponent ran an article last

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week about the Barbecue. Staff submitted a display ad for the week of the Barbecue, thanking the airport supporters. Commissioner Harris will pick up the food; Commissioner Smith will get the waters donated; and City will provide the paper products. NJROTC will present the colors and sing the National Anthem. Pastor Sam Estes will give the invocation. City Manager will introduce the guest speaker. If Commissioner Harris is supervising the flights he will not be able to emcee.

7. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

- A. Commissioner Richey expressed concern about the electric airplane program. He feels that there are some significant logistical issues that haven't been addressed. He felt that the Airport Commission should have been consulted before the presentation to City Council. He has talked with John Johnson, the flight science teacher at Reedley College. Johnson feels that there are some issues that are being overlooked. Commissioner Harris asked if the airplanes have been certified yet and who will provide the service for the airplanes. He stressed that Reedley is the primary place to draw students from with Reedley College's Aero programs. Commissioner Mason felt that the perfect set up at Reedley Municipal Airport would be a hangar with two bays and a charging station, with a big sign indicating the name of the program over the hangar. Commissioner Harris asked to have a representative from the Airport Commission meet with Joseph Oldham to stay connected to the progress and discuss pilot's concerns. Commissioner Harris wondered about PG&E being willing to donate the hook ups for the charging station(s). Commissioner Richey would like to see solar cells. The entire commission agreed that this whole program will shed a favorable light on Reedley since it will be the first of its kind in the nation! The Commission suggested asking Mr. Johnson to attend the next Commission meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 2017 where his concerns could be heard (as well as wrap up the Airport Barbecue).
- B. Airport Vacancies – Denise reported 2 vacancies in the old row of hangars. She has received a few inquiry calls about them.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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David Richey, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Airport Manager

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**