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REEDLEY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, November 16, 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; Anthony Jewell; Robert Mason.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
 - C. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Airport Manager; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - D. Others present: None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Richey to approve the August 17, 2017 Airport Commission minutes. Motion carried.
4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Joel Glick reported that the Alpha Electra planes are in production. Three are assembled already. They are scheduled to arrive at the end of December or early January.
 - B. The electrical upgrades have been completed in Hangar 6 in preparation for the electric airplanes.
 - C. The Runway Rehabilitation Design Project has started.
 - D. Joseph Oldham is forming a flying club and is interested in renting the office space adjacent to the pilot's lounge. Although this was originally planned for an overnight area for pilots, the revenue generated would fund future improvement projects. Here is Joseph's vision: *Use of the office space would initially be on weekends as a base from which to operate the new flying club for Reedley and east Fresno County members. We would operate the Alpha Electros for flight exhibitions and provide sport pilot training in an Alpha Trainer that we are working to acquire to augment the Alpha Electros. Hours of operation would vary depending on demand and expand as the club expanded operations. Tentative launch date for the flying club is March, 2018 which would align with the arrival of good flying weather and spring fly-ins. The office would also serve as location to have a simulator and provide information about the Alpha Electro flight program to outside agencies or interested parties coming to Reedley to learn about the aircraft and how they are performing. It really is mostly about establishing a place at the airport where people can learn about the project and connect with the flying club.*
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. **IFR Approach Update** – The process continues. It will go out to bid around mid-April. We will then submit a request to FAA for the construction funding. One requirement that came up is that our PAPI lights have never been commissioned. This is rather expensive, but either FAA will pay for it at no expense or FAA will reimburse the City through a grant. The Commission asked if the PAPIs could be

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replaced with LEDs. Since they weren't new when they were installed, there must be more efficient ones that would be better. Glick indicated that he will look into it.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Joel Glick, Airport Manager

- 1) New upgraded security cameras will be installed at the airport.

9. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

A. Capital Improvements – Several Commissioners questioned why 3 phase electrical wasn't installed (instead of single phase) for the electric airplanes. It would reduce the charging time. Now that the batteries in the airplanes cannot be removed and replaced after a flight (due to poor connections) the single phase will take at least 2 hours to charge. The Commission felt that was too long to be efficient for training. Glick was asked if the electrical could be upgraded to 3 phase and change the order for the chargers to be compatible with 3 phase. The Commission asked for Joseph Oldham to be present at the next Commission meeting to answer some of these questions.

B. Landscaping/Parking –

- 1) Commissioner Richey will have college students place fertilizer stakes around the trees in the park area. They previously responded well to the extra fertilizer.
- 2) Kulikov's worker mowed the airport. Community Services staff weeded the runway area.

C. Public Relations – None.

D. Airport Promotion – None.

E. BMX Track – None.

F. Hangar Development – A few inquiries but none followed through.

G. Hangar Vacancies - All city-owned hangars are full!

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 5:05 p.m. by consensus.

David Richey, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Airport Manager

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Next meeting date: To be announced