

Baxter County Airport Commission

April 13, 2023

Attendance:

Airport Commission: Stephen Vester, John Bolding, Jim Brown, Paul Fagras, Kyle McAlister, Sally Hall
Baxter County Judge: Kevin Litty
Airport Manager: Taylor Carmichael
Airport Tenants: Peter Gales
Guests: Steve Vaughn, neighbor; Ken Gibson, neighbor; Gerald Gaige, AOPA Rep; Daryl Siebel, pilot; and Dan Clinton, Engineer from Grimes and Assoc.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Stephen Vester with the Pledge of Allegiance. Stephen then welcomed Guests.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read into record. Jim Brown made the motion and Kyle McAlister seconded to approve the minutes as written with minor grammatical corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

The Land Lease is finally approved by the FAA. FBO Operating Agreement is still being worked on.

Manager's Report:

Taylor Carmichael reports the following:

Hangar A repairs are complete. The eves installed on Hangar A worked to prevent water intrusion and will be installed on Hangar D in the future. The grass strip is ready to go and has already been utilized. May 20 is Learn to Fly Day. Taylor is exploring creating a testing center at BPK. The website is close to being ready if all are in agreement – Paul made the motion and Kyle seconded to go live, Motion pass unanimously. Preliminary budget of terminal renovation is \$26,100.00 (see attached proposed budget). Haven't heard anything from Tim McGoldrick and the status of his restaurant proposal.

Old Business:

Hangar Committee has not met. Event Committee met and is still planning. Rules and Regulations have been finalized based on public input and final editing. Kyle made the motion and Paul seconded to approve Rules and Regulations as presented. Motion passed 5-1, with Jim Brown voting no. Dan Clinton presented a preliminary report to be sent to the FAA for the runway expansion. He asked for our approval to send this to the FAA to move the project forward. The FAA must approve this report for BPK to have the next step completed, which is the environmental study. Jim made the motion and John seconded to approve the preliminary report that Dan presented to be sent to the FAA. Motion unanimously passed. Dan reports the Ozarks Airworks Hangar building went out for bids, but no bids yet. Bidding is open until next Friday. The Safety and Security grant application was discussed and Taylor is to get our information in to Dan for the 90/10 grant to be applied for. Discussion ensued regarding the terminal renovation and it was decided to apply for the 50/50 for the terminal renovation.

New Business:

Land Leases are complete and ready to be approved. Paul made the motion and Sally seconded to approve the Land Leases. Motion passed unanimously. Applications will be available to persons interested in constructing a private hangar. This document will be used to aid in the committee determining location and building permissions. A standing Grounds Committee will be formed with Jim and Kyle on this committee. Nominations for filling the vacancy left when Brad Hurst resigned. Terry Small was nominated by the nomination committee. Kyle moved nominations cease and Jim seconded. Motion passed. Stephen called the question for Terry Small to be accepted to fill the current vacancy. All were in favor of Terry filling the position. Sally will get a letter to Judges office for Terry to be sworn in. The following committees are set to meet: Safety and Security will meet April 20 at 6 pm at the terminal; Rules and Regulations will meet April 25 at 6 pm at the terminal; and Hangar Committee will meet April 27 at 6 pm at the terminal. The website will be launched tomorrow by Taylor. The Spring Social will be April 29th at the terminal at noon.

AOPA Report:

Gere Gaige reports the following: The quarterly radio show on Tuesday and Stephen will join Gere. Teacher Externships went well with 13 teachers in attendance. 60 students are enrolled in the aviation STEM program at Mtn Home High School. Clea Sweeney donated some of her late husband's items to LEAF, May 20 will be the Learn to Fly event.

7:30 Meeting was adjourned