

Baxter County Airport Commission

August 3, 2023

Attendance:

Airport Commission: Stephen Vester, John Bolding, Jim Brown, Paul Fagras, Sally Hall, Terry Small
Baxter County Judge: absent
Airport Manager: Taylor Carmichael
Airport Tenants: none
Guests: Gerald Gaige, AOPA Rep; Brett Vaughn, Ralph Hoetcher, Trey Haney of Bayird Air, and Allen Stewart – Midway Fire Protection District Chief

Call to Order:

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read into record. Jim Brown made and John Bolding seconded a motion to accept as read. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report:

Land Leases are being worked on with Kyle working with the County Judge.

Jim Brown has presented his letter of resignation in order for him to move his residency to Marion County and run for State Representative.

Manager's Report:

Taylor has received estimated costs of moving the utilities in the area by Hangar A for development. The following are amounts each utility company and contractors have submitted: \$42,000 for NAEC; \$20,000 for Mallet Excavating to Trench for this; \$20,000 for the gas company to move their lines; and \$20,000 to move the fence. It was discussed that this must be done before we can do any site prep, as the current location of the utilities would prevent maximum utilization of the area. If approved, the grant will be amended to reflect such, and a similar grant will be applied for to begin site work. Motion was made by Terry and seconded by Jim to use the grant to move utilities to run along the road and set fence back to a necessary and required distance from utilities in order to use all of the area behind the blue hangar and Hangar A. Motion passed unanimously.

The first of the electrical supplies have been ordered to begin the safety and security grant work. These should be on August 14th. Hangar buildings C and B will be completed first.

Gravel was delivered and will be spread around taxi lights per FAA guidelines.

Brookline is bidding for the gate openers and new hardware for panels in the Safety and Security grant.

New Business:

Allen Stewart was in attendance to present information he had gathered on an opportunity for the Midway Fire Protection District to purchase an aircraft crash truck. This truck was previously purchased by a municipality and has invested a large amount into repairs, maintenance, etc. Allen reports that he has been through the truck and it is in great mechanical shape. He is proposing that the Airport Commission invest half of the purchase price, which will improve safety at BPK in the event of an accident. Purchase price is \$12,000, of which \$6,000 would be the airport's cost-share. Allen reports that the Fire Department would take full responsibility of maintenance and storage. Motion was made by Stephen and seconded by Sally to pay half of the purchase price (\$6,000). Motion unanimously passed.

The issue was discussed that we all must be mindful that we could have an income shortfall in the next year, as all FAA funds have stopped due to the land lease grant assurance violations on BPK. Stephen and Kyle have been working to resolve, but have had no cooperation from tenants. It was discussed that the commission must have a contingency plan in the event this does not get resolved.

AOPA Report:

Gerald Gaige reports that he will be writing a public newsletter in the future; Bob Crider obtained his private pilots license; and the EAA event for National Aviation Day will be August 19th.

7:04 pm - Jim Brown made the motion and Sally seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.