

Baxter County Airport Commission

October 5, 2023

Attendance:

Airport Commission: Stephen Vester, John Bolding, Paul Fagras, Sally Hall, Terry Small, and Kyle McAlister
Baxter County Judge: absent
Airport Manager: Taylor Carmichael
Airport Tenants: none
Guests: Gerald Gaige, AOPA Rep; Brett Vaughn, Trey Horton of Horton Asphalt, Randy Rose, and Allen Stewart, Midway Fire Chief

Call to Order:

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

Report from Trey Horton:

Mr. Horton was present at the meeting in response to some concerns over fading and flaking of the seal coating that was applied almost a year ago. He discussed possible reasons for such events, but was puzzled that this is happening. Mr. Horton assured the commission that his work is guaranteed and would stand behind that. He wants to spray a test area and see what it does over time. There was discussion regarding the problem being within the product. Mr. Horton and Paul are going to do some follow-up on this. In the meantime, Mr. Horton will do his test area as soon as possible.

New Foaming Fire Truck has been purchased:

The new foaming fire truck was brought to the front of the terminal by Allen Stewart, Fire Chief, for the commission to view. It was in very good condition, as was reported previously. It is in place in the Midway Fire Station.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read into record. John Bolding made and Terry Small seconded a motion to accept as read with a few corrections. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report:

Stephen had a visit with Keith Bayird and explained the lease we are presenting him to sign for his FBO operation. He is going to run it by his attorney.

Manager's Report:

- Gate 1, 3 and 4 have new openers installed. Right now, we only have 2 functioning gates, as the switches are having trouble and parts are being shipped.
- Hangar 41 needs cable adjustment and is damaged because the latches were not removed before the tenant began opening the door. Parts are on order.
- NAEC has been paid for the utility relocation. Gas lines have been marked.
- We have a new project manager, Adam Marsh, at the FAA Airports Division. And we need to be looking and planning for future projects. The CIP needs to be submitted no later than November 10, 2023.
- BIL money is being held with the FAA, but we don't know if we can get it because of the compliance issue with leases.
- ILS system is down while the FAA is replacing antennas.
- Weather station equipment will be updated in the near future.
- LR airport has a bidding tool they use and Taylor is looking into that to see if it can help us on projects.
- Dean's last day is Oct. 13.

Old Business:

John worked on hangar development. He spoke with Alex Lubek, who is a sales rep for Higher Power door systems. Frank Rogers, a contractor has used them on several hangars he has built in the state.

AOPA Report:

There will be another radio show appearance on October 16th at KTLO. The stem program has been doing some publicity with local magazine publications.

Public Comment:

Randy Rose, a neighbor, wanted to introduce himself to the group.

It is 8:00 pm, John made the motion and Paul seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.