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Guests

Rick Donaldson, Robert Peccia & Associates	Mike Beckhoff, Stelling Engineers
Tex Irwin, Ravalli County Airport Board	Jeff Walla, Stelling Engineers
Dave Hedditch, Ravalli County Airport Board	Steve Knopp, Stevensville Airport
Carl Seilstad, Fergus County	Leo Thompson, Powder River County
William Stewart, Hamilton Airport	Scott Bell, Morrison-Maierle
Judith Stewart, Hamilton Airport	Kristie Brabeck, Valley County Airport
Tim Orthmeyer, Morrison-Maierle	David Beckett, Ravalli County Airport
Jerry Moline, Lewistown Airport	Ron Stoltz, Ravalli County Commission
Judy Kline, Hamilton Airport	Nigel Davis, Morrison-Maierle
Bill Burkland, Robert Peccia & Associates	Cassie Riggan, Morrison-Maierle
Rick Newman, St. Ignatius Airport	David Anderson, Cut Bank Airport
Mauri Morin, Ronan Airport	Don Misevic, Stevensville
Craig Canfield, Kadrmas Lee & Jackson	Steve Knopp, Stevensville

Loan/Grant Allocations – 8:00 a.m.

- Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order.
- **Baker** – Craig Canfield with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson represented Baker airport. Craig said this is the second phase of a two year project, 1000' runway extension that includes paving and electrical and expansion of apron. They are asking for a \$60,000 grant. Chairman McKenna asked if they could take a loan. Craig said they are not interested in a loan.
- **Big Timber** – No one was present for Big Timber. Project is for Snow Removal Equipment Plow & Building. Asking for an \$11,250/grant.
- **Bridger** – No one was present for Bridger. Project is for a complete lighting system upgrade including PAPI. They are asking for a \$7,000/grant.
- **Broadus** – Craig Canfield with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson and Leo Thompson, Commissioner for Powder River County represented Broadus airport. Craig said application is to install a well and septic system at the airport for a pilot lounge to enhance viability and draw hangar development and an FBO to the airport. They are asking for \$38,700/grant. Chairman McKenna asked if they would take a loan. Commissioner Thompson said they have no money to spare on a loan.

- **Chinook** – Nigel Davis of Morrison-Maierle represented Chinook airport. Nigel said application is for a snow plow and snow removal equipment building. They are requesting a \$5,000/grant for each (\$10,000/grant total).
- **Choteau** – Mike Beckhoff of Stelling Engineers represented Choteau airport. Mike said application is for a seal coat and re-strip of runway and apron and to pave the taxiway for the self-fueling system. Request is for a \$7,852/grant and a \$15,704/loan however they are only eligible for a \$7,852 loan and grant.
- **Cut Bank** – Rick Donaldson of Robert Peccia & Associates and Dave Anderson of Cut Bank airport authority. Rick said application is for reconstruction of runway/taxiway, replace lighting system and pavement maintenance they are asking for an \$85,000 loan and grant. Dave Anderson said they are trying to keep their debt as low as possible but can handle the loan/grant combination right now.
- **Deer Lodge** – Scott Bell of Morrison-Maierle represented Deer Lodge airport. Application is for pavement maintenance, crack/fog seal and restriping; installation of an AWOS and to begin a design for project next year. They are asking for a \$7,000/grant.
- **Fairfield** – No one was present for Fairfield. Application is for a crack/fog seal. Asking for a \$14,700/grant.
- **Fort Peck** – Rick Donaldson of Robert Peccia & Associates and Kristie Brabeck of Valley County represented Fort Peck. Rick said they are not the engineers for this project he said they are trying to keep the costs down; he knows the application is for installation of lights they are asking for a \$25,000/grant. Rick said they have spent about \$14,000 out of the \$18,000 that the board originally granted them. Kristie said she is new to the board but she knows most of the work out at Fort Peck is volunteer work. Chairman McKenna said she feels like she needs a better explanation of what is going on with previous grant.
- **Glasgow** – Rick Donaldson of Robert Peccia & Associates and Kristie Brabeck of Valley County represented Glasgow Airport. Rick said application is for reconstruction of runway and to replace lighting they are asking for an \$86,500/grant and a \$48,000/loan. Rick said this project is high on the FAA priority list.
- **Glendive** – Nigel Davis of Morrison-Maierle represented Glendive airport. Nigel said this is part of a two year project they started last year. Asking for money they spent last year as well as project they plan to do this year. Application is for new taxiway, paving and reflective markers. Asking for a \$22,600/grant.
- **Hamilton** – Rick Donaldson of Robert Peccia and Associates and Ron Stoltz, Ravalli County Commission represented Hamilton airport. Rick said request is for a \$33,000/grant for an update on an environmental assessment. They are eligible for \$33,268. Fred Lark asked if there were still a lot of oppositions and controversy at the airport. Ron Stoltz said in the last year the oppositions have gone away because of misleading statements and non-truths. Support has been building now that people understand what is going on at the airport. Dave Hedditch Hamilton airport board chairman said they are trying to be a self-sustaining airport that is why they are here asking for a grant.
- **Hardin** – Cassie Riggan of Morrison-Maierle represented Hardin airport. Hardin is asking for a \$40,000/grant for a new airport they are in phase one of the project.
- **Havre** – Jeff Walla of Stelling Engineers represented Havre airport. They are requesting a \$1,470/grant and a \$1,470/loan for an ALP update.

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- **Laurel** – Craig Canfield of Kadrmas Lee & Jackson represented Laurel airport. Craig said they are asking for a \$4,600/grant for pavement maintenance.
- **Lewistown** – Nigel Davis of Morrison-Maierle, Carl Seilstead and Jerry Moline of Lewistown represented Lewistown airport. They are requesting a \$136,794/grant for grooving, gas/electric hangar development, hangar engineering and sewer development. Carl Seilstead said they are trying to extend their funds at the airport as far as they can.

Public Comment – 10:00 a.m.

- Chairman McKenna said in accordance with Montana Code Annotated Section 2-3-103, the Board of Aeronautics will hold a public comment period. Please note the public comment section is the public's opportunity to address the board on any topic. While the Board cannot take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask that the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for Board discussion.
- Judy Kline from Hamilton said she is here to support the project at the Hamilton airport. Judy said her husband and she moved to Hamilton in 1974 and bought the FBO at the airport. Her husband is a longtime experienced pilot and because of Hamilton's existing runway crashed his Aerostar on the hill in question. He did walk away from the accident but because of this she is very much in support of the project. Judy Stewart with the Ravalli County Aviation Safety Foundation and she and her husband also own Willow Aviation at the airport. They have been at the airport since 1960 and ever since have been fighting with county commissioners that are against the airport, they run for office and say they will support the airport and as soon as they get elected they turn cold. Judy Stewart said the foundation was established to promote safety at the airport and they have been busy raising funds to help with county management. She heard one of the board members ask about mill levy at the airport, there used to be a mill levy but a county commissioner decided that they didn't need a mill levy; this was in the late 70's. Last fire season the retardant planes had to drop their loads twice taking off because of the runway shortage. We finally have three commissioners that have decided that the airport is a viable economic tool to the community. Tex Erwin from the airport board in Ravalli County said the alternative that was chosen by the last commission was bare bones minimum barely meeting FAA requirements for separation and had nothing to do with looking towards the future or the airport being able to stand on its own. If they stay with that alternative it would require closing down the existing runway which doesn't make much sense. The plan is to move the runway over far enough that the existing runway would become a taxiway. What that does is allow enough ramp area to be built from the existing FBO's to the existing runway which would become a taxiway. It could be for hangar development, ramp space and it accents the need to keep the airport there for the future. By moving it north and east we are getting away from the high school and subdivisions. The long range plans are to acquire as much property as we can to the east to keep the encroachment away and offers non-aviation use in the future so the airport can stand on its own by generating revenue. There are a lot of business that could use it for motorhome storage; construction storage yards, plumbing shops, carpenter shops the noise doesn't bother them and generates revenue for the airport.

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- **Libby** – Nigel Davis and Tim Orthmeyer of Morrison-Maierle represented Libby airport. Nigel said they plan to do pavement maintenance and overlay the taxiway and with that do a crack/fog seal. FAA supports project. Tim said they submitted a grant last year for

a new pilot building and he wanted to update the board on that project, they spent \$65,000 of their own savings on a new pilot building. Very supportive of their airport. Asking for a \$7,894/grant.

- **Red Lodge** – No one was present for Red Lodge. They are requesting a \$17,400/grant for a snow removal equipment building. They are eligible for \$34,400.
- **Ronan** - Mauri Morin airport manager represented Ronan airport. Mauri the application is to complete the road behind the taxiways. They are asking for a \$50,000/grant. They have been working on this project for about 5 years now.
- **Roundup** – Craig Canfield of Kadrmas Lee & Jackson represented Roundup airport. Craig said they are in phase one of a taxiway for the airport. They are asking for a \$10,750/loan and a \$10,750/grant.
- **St. Ignatius** –Rick Newman board member of St. Ignatius Airport represented the airport. The application is for a \$9,000/grant to finish a fencing project. Need to replace posts as they are rotting.
- **Shelby** – Bill Burkland with Robert Peccia & Associates represented Shelby airport. Bill said project is to rehabilitate taxiway, build a hangar and reconstruct taxiway. Asking for a \$28,000/loan and a \$28,000/grant.
- **Sidney** – Craig Canfield with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson represented Sidney airport. Craig said project is to rehabilitate taxiways. The application did include a portion to rehabilitate the apron but they have decided to drop that portion of the project. This would reduce their request to a \$19,275/loan and a \$19,275/grant.
- **Stevensville** – Don Misevic and Steve Knopp from Stevensville and Nigel Davis Morrison-Maierle represented Stevensville airport. Don said they want to follow along with their 5 year CIP and build some taxiway hangar access on the airport. They are asking for a \$7,250/grant. They cannot take on any more debt at this time they will not be able to do this project without the grant.
- **Townsend** – Bill Burkland with Robert Peccia & Associates represented Townsend airport. Bill said request is for preventative pavement maintenance and retroactive payment for the CIP. They are asking for a \$2,600/grant.
- **Turner** – Nigel Davis with Morrison-Maierle represented Turner airport. Nigel said Turner has two requests one for land acquisition and one for an animal control fence and pavement maintenance. They are asking for a \$3,367 for the land acquisition project and \$12,250/grant for the animal control fence/pavement maintenance project.
- **White Sulphur Springs** – Mike Beckhoff with Stelling Engineers represented White Sulphur Springs airport. Mike said the project is for a wildlife fence. They are requesting a \$9,347/grant and a \$18,695/loan (they are eligible for a \$9,347/grant and a \$9,347/loan).
- **West Yellowstone** – Scott Bell with Morrison-Mairele and Don DeGraw airport manager represented Yellowstone airport. Scott said the airport is asking for funding for three separate projects. Project #1 is a wildlife management study asking for a \$3,000/grant. Project #2 is to replace airfield lighting asking for a \$10,548/grant. Project #3 is to construct an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting facility and they are requesting an \$11,500/grant. Chairman McKenna commented that the wildlife hazard project has to be done of the three projects are they prioritized? Don DeGraw said they all need to be done.

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- Chairman McKenna said the board will conduct a few housekeeping items and then begin allocating the money. Although everyone is welcome to stay the board will not allow any more public comment.
- The board set their June teleconference meeting for extensions on June 12 at 9:00 a.m. the call will be scheduled for one hour and their January meeting for January 22 & 23, 2013. They will do ½ day on the 22nd and a full day on the 23rd.
- ***Fred Lark made a motion to accept the pavement preservation allocations in the amount of \$11,000 for each airport. Bill Hunt seconded the motion that passed unanimously.***
- Fred Lark said since everything is electronic he would suggest whomever is submitting the applications it would be helpful if they could put a JPEG of the project in the application. It helps to have a diagram and an outlay of the project.

Loan/Grant Allocations, continued – 12:45 p.m.

- **Baker** – Chris Edwards recommended a \$30,000/grant, no loan.
- **Big Timber** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$11,250/grant.
- **Bridger** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$7,000/grant.
- **Broadus** – Chris Edwards said not a safety issue he would not recommend funding.
- **Chinook #1** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$5,000/grant.
- **Chinook #2** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$5,000/grant.
- **Choteau** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$7,852/loan and a \$7,852/grant.
- **Cut Bank** – Chuck Manning recommended a \$25,431/grant and a \$144,569/loan.
- **Deer Lodge** – Bill Hunt recommended a \$7,000/grant.
- **Fairfield** – Chris Edwards recommended a \$14,700/grant.
- **Fort Peck** – Chairman McKenna said she would like to know what happened to the previous money they received from the board. Jim Greil said he can send an official letter asking them what the status of that money is with Tricia's signature. Bill Hunt said he would not recommend funding they have no estimates, would need a better application.
- **Glasgow** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$86,500/grant and a \$48,000/loan.
- **Glendive** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$11,000/grant.
- **Hamilton** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$15,000/grant.
- **Hardin** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$40,000/grant.
- **Havre** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$2,940/loan
- **Laurel** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$4,600/grant.
- **Lewistown** – Chuck Manning recommended a \$25,000/loan. Chairman McKenna said they could come back and give the full amount as a loan.
- **Libby** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$7,894/grant.
- **Red Lodge** – Chris Edwards said he feels like this building is not something that they really need and need to focus on their runway. Bill Hunt said he would not recommend funding.
- **Ronan** – Chuck Manning said he would recommend a \$25,000/grant and a \$25,000/loan.
- **Roundup** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$10,750/grant and a \$10,750/loan.

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- **St. Ignatius** – Chairman McKenna said she feels like St. Ignatius works really hard and does a lot with their money. Bill Hunt said he would like to give them some money but he would not recommend funding at this time because it's a lower priority.
- **Shelby** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$28,000/grant and a \$28,000/loan.
- Debbie Alke said she wanted to clarify with the board on retroactive requests. The board has three requests, Townsend, Shelby and Glendive. On Glendive they did not recommend funding the retroactive. Jim Greil said the CIP portion of the retroactive for Shelby was tiny for the federal grant that is why he included it. The Glendive retroactive was for half the project.
- **Sidney** - Chairman McKenna recommended a \$29,275/grant and a \$29,275/loan.
- **Stevensville** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$7,250/grant.
- **Townsend** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$2,600/grant. This is a retroactive project as well.
- **Turner #1** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$3,367/grant.
- **Turner #2** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$12,250/grant.
- **White Sulphur Springs** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$9,347/grant and a \$9,347/loan.
- **West Yellowstone #1** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$3,000/grant.
- **West Yellowstone #2** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$10,548/grant.
- **West Yellowstone #3** – Chairman McKenna recommended a \$11,500/grant.
- **West Yellowstone #2 & #3** - Since the allocations were more than money available Bill Hunt suggested they only give West Yellowstone \$3,000/grant for project #1 and change projects #2 & #3 to \$0/grants.
- **Glasgow** – Chairman McKenna suggested changing amount for Glasgow to a \$76,500/grant and a \$58,000/loan.
- **Sidney** – Rob Buckles suggested changing the amount for Sidney to a \$19,275/grant and a \$39,275/loan.
- **Lewistown** – Chairman McKenna suggested changing the amount for Lewistown to a \$24,000/loan for the grooving.
- **St. Ignatius** - Roger Lincoln suggested changing the amount for St. Ignatius to a \$9,000/grant.
- **Hamilton** - Rob Buckles suggested changing the amount for Hamilton to a \$16,400/grant.

Bill Hunt made a motion to accept the loan and grant allocations as discussed and indicated. Chuck Manning seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Being no further business Bill Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Tricia McKenna, Chairman

Roger Lincoln, Secretary