

Montana Aeronautics Board
Montana Department of Transportation; Auditorium
2704 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT
Thursday, January 19, 2017

Aeronautics Board

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Guests

Mike Beckhoff, DOWL Engineering
Lance Bowser, Robert Picca & Associates
Bill Burkland, Robert Picca & Associates
Rachel Court, Senator Jon Tester's Office
Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering
Nigel Davis, Morrison-Maierle Engineering
Scott Eaton, Federal Aviation Administration
John Edwards, Three Forks Montana
Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle Engineering
Bob Green, Three Forks Montana
Jim Greil, DOWL Engineering
Cory Kessler, Morrison-Maierle Engineering

Nancy Kriston, Federal Aviation Administration
Tom Kuka, Pondera County
Lucas Locke, Valley County
Steve Mosby, Lewistown Board
Kevin Myhre, Century Company
Rick Newman, Lake County Airports
Tyler Reed, Morrison-Maierle Engineering
Tim Roberston, Lewistown Airport Board
Nathan Schroht, KLJ Engineering
Pete Smith, Lewistown Board
Jeff Walla, KLJ Engineering

Call to Order / Approval of Minutes

- Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comment

- *There was no public comment.*

Applicant Presentation and Review of Loan/Grant Applications

- **Anaconda – Bowman Field** - Tyler Reed, Morrison-Maierle Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Baker Airport** - Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Big Sandy Airport** – Bill Burkland, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Broadus Airport** - Nathan Schroht, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.

- **Chinook - Edgar G. Obie Airport** - Cory Kessler, Morrison-Maierle Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Choteau Airport** - Jim Greil, DOWL Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Circle Airport** - Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Columbus – Wolterman Airport** - Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Conrad Airport** - Lance Bowser, Robert Picca & Associates, and Tom Kuka, Pondera County, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Culbertson – Big Sky Field** - Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Cut Bank Airport** - Lance Bowser, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Ekalaka Airport** - Nathan Schroht, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Ennis – Big Sky Airport** - Lance Bowser, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Eureka Airport** - Cory Kessler, Morrison-Maierle Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Fairfield Airport** - Mike Beckhoff, DOWL Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Forsyth – Tillitt Field Airport** - Nathan Schroht, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Fort Benton Airport** - Bill Burkland, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Glasgow – Wokal Field Airport** - Mike Beckhoff, DOWL Engineering and Lucas Locke, Valley County, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Glendive – Dawson Community Airport** - Nigel Davis, Morrison-Maierle Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Havre Airport** - Mike Beckhoff, DOWL Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Laurel Airport** - Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Lewistown Airport** - Nigel Davis, Morrison-Maierle Engineering; Steve Mosby, Lewistown Board; and Steve Mosby, Lewistown Board, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Miles City – Frank Wiley Airport** - Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Polson Airport** - Jeff Walla, KLJ Engineering and Rick Newman, Lake County Airports, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Ronan Airport** - Jeff Walla, KLJ Engineering and Rick Newman, Lake County Airports, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Shelby - Mineral County Airport** - Bill Burkland, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Superior Airport** – Jeff Walla, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Terry Airport** - Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.

- **Three Forks – Pogreba Field Airport** - Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle Engineering; John Edwards, Three Forks Montana and Bob Green, Three Forks Montana, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Townsend Airport** - Bill Burkland, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Twin Bridges Airport** - Lance Bowser, Robert Picca & Associates, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **West Yellowstone - Yellowstone Airport** - Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **White Sulphur Springs Airport** - Mike Beckhoff, DOWL Engineering, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Wolf Point – L.M. Clayton Airport** – Wolf Point did not provide a presentation.

Loan/Grant Allocations

- The Board agreed to make grant and loan awards with safety as the priority and then maintaining current properties before designing new projects.
- **Anaconda – Bowman Field**
 - Construct/improve/repair a fuel farm - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Baker Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$5,054 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$360 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$1,080 grant awarded
- **Big Sandy Airport**
 - Install/rehabilitate airport beacons - \$600 grant and \$4,000 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate runway lighting - \$375 grant and \$2,500 loan awarded
 - Install NAVAIDS - \$2,000 loan awarded
- **Broadus Airport**
 - Construct/expand/improve/modify/rehabilitate a building - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Chinook - Edgar G. Obie Airport**
 - Rehabilitate apron – \$7,535 grant awarded
- **Choteau Airport**
 - Conduct an update to their airport master plan study - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Circle Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$3,515 grant and \$4,625 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$190 grant and \$950 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$120 grant and \$600 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$7,600 grant and \$10,000 loan awarded
 - Install an AWOS system - \$19,500 loan awarded

- **Columbus – Wolterman Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$45,151 grant and \$73,668 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron – \$3,640 grant and \$30,942 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$4,762 grant and \$40,476 loan awarded
 - Construct taxiway - \$0 awarded
- **Conrad Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$4,940 grant and \$6,500 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$400 grant and \$2,000 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$100 grant and \$500 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$0 awarded
 - Conduct/update the airport Master Plan Study - \$0 awarded
 - Install a PAPI system - \$375 grant and \$2,500 loan awarded
 - Construct/expand/improve/modify/rehabilitate a building - \$0 awarded
 - Construct taxiway - \$0 awarded
- **Culbertson – Big Sky Field**
 - Install an AWOS system - \$18,500 loan awarded
- **Cut Bank Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$7,866 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$890 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$0 awarded
- **Ekalaka Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$3,553 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$280 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$340 grant awarded
- **Ennis – Big Sky Airport**
 - Acquire snow removal equipment - \$0 awarded
 - Install an AWOS system - \$0 awarded
 - Acquire land - \$0 awarded
 - Conduct/update the airport Master Plan Study - \$0 awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$0 awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$0 awarded
- **Eureka Airport**
 - Install taxiway lighting - \$3,000 grant awarded
- **Fairfield Airport**
 - Construct apron - \$10,000 grant awarded
 - *The board voted to fund this request because this is not a federally funded airport and they would not be able to complete this project without the help of the Aeronautics Board.*
- **Forsyth – Tillitt Field Airport**
 - Construct taxiway - \$0 awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$8,166 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$18,750 grant awarded

- **Fort Benton Airport**
 - Acquire security equipment/install perimeter fencing - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Glasgow – Wokal Field Airport**
 - Construct/improve/repair fuel farm/utilities - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Glendive – Dawson Community Airport**
 - Expand the terminal building - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Havre Airport**
 - Construct apron - \$0 awarded
 - Rehabilitate an apron - \$11,740 grant and \$82,900 loan awarded
 - *Roger Lincoln recused himself from Board decisions for Havre Airport.*
- **Laurel Airport**
 - Construct taxiway - \$0 awarded
 - Construct runway - \$0 awarded
 - Acquire land - \$0 awarded
 - Acquire security equipment/install perimeter fencing - \$0 awarded
- **Lewistown Airport**
 - Rehabilitate the runway - \$26,068 grant and \$8,232 loan awarded
- **Miles City – Frank Wiley Airport**
 - Conduct/update the airport Master Plan study - \$0 awarded
 - Extend/widen/strengthen runway - \$0 awarded
 - Construct taxiway - \$0 awarded
 - Acquire snow removal equipment - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Polson Airport**
 - Acquire snow removal equipment - \$0 awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Ronan Airport**
 - Install AWOS system - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Shelby - Mineral County Airport**
 - Construct/expand/improve/modify/rehabilitate building - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
 - *Bill Hunt recused himself from Board decisions for Shelby Airport.*

- **Superior Airport**
 - Install AWOS system - \$16,000 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$9,192 grant and \$14,998 loan awarded
- **Terry Airport**
 - Conduct or update the airport master plan study - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **Three Forks – Pogreba Field Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$2,175 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate runway lighting - \$5,911 grant awarded
- **Townsend Airport**
 - Rehabilitate runway - \$3,766 grant and \$6,145 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$434 grant and \$3,686 loan awarded
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$175 grant and \$1,490 loan awarded
- **Twin Bridges Airport**
 - Conduct or update airport master plan study - \$0 awarded
 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*
- **West Yellowstone - Yellowstone Airport**
 - Rehabilitate taxiway - \$34,134 grant awarded
 - Rehabilitate apron - \$0 awarded
 - Remove obstructions - \$0 awarded
- **White Sulphur Springs Airport**
 - Install AWOS system - \$18,450 loan awarded
 - Install guidance signs - \$0 awarded
 - Install AWOS system - \$0 awarded
- **Wolf Point – L.M. Clayton Airport**
 - Construct, expand, improve, modify airport buildings - \$0 awarded
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 - *The board voted not to award any grants or loans because it was not a safety or rehabilitation project.*

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Bill Hunt made a motion to accept the loans and grant as presented with the exception of Havre. Fred Lark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Fred Lark made a motion to approve the Havre grant and loan as amended. Bill Hunt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Tricia McKenna, Chairman

Roger Lincoln, Secretary