

**Montana Aeronautics Board**  
**Montana Department of Transportation; Auditorium**  
**2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

**Aeronautics Board**

Tricia McKenna, Board Chairman  
Chris Edwards, Vice-Chair  
Robert Buckles  
Dan Hargrove  
Bill Hunt, Jr  
Fred Lark  
Roger Lincoln  
Walt McNutt  
Jeff Wadekamper

**Department of Transportation**

Tim Conway, MDT Aeronautics  
Wade Cebulski, MDT Aeronautics  
Effie Benoit, MDT Aeronautics  
Carol Grell-Morris, MDT Legal

**Guests**

Mike Beckoff, DOWL Engineers  
Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates  
Bill Burkland, Robert Peccia & Associates  
Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering  
Nigel Davis, Morrison Maierle, Inc  
Rick Donaldson, Robert Peccia & Associates  
David Hartman, Armstrong Consultants

Dr. Steve Moseby, Chairman Lewistown Airport Board  
Mark Peterson, Hill County Commissioner  
Erick Rink, Armstrong Consultants  
Dr. Smith, Chairman Laurel Airport Authority  
Pete Smith, Representative of Lewistown Airport Board

**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**

- **Cut Bank Airport** - Lance Bowser from Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Ennis (Big Sky) Airport** - Lance Bowser from Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Fort Benton Airport** - Bill Burkland from Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Hamilton (Ravalli County) Airport** - Rick Donaldson from Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Havre Airport** - Mike Beckoff from DOWL Engineers and Mark Peterson, Hill County Commissioner, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Laurel Municipal Airport** - Craig Canfield from KLJ Engineering and Dr. Smith, Chairman Laurel Airport Authority, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.

- **Lewistown Municipal Airport** - Nigel Davis from Morrison Maierle, Inc., Dr. Steve Moseby, Chairman Lewistown Airport Board, and Pete Smith, Representative of Lewistown Airport Board provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Livingston Airport** - Lance Bowser from Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Scobey Airport** - David Hartman and Erick Rink from Armstrong Consultants provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Twin Bridges Airport** - Lance Bowser from Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. The airport is withdrawing the extend/widen/strengthen runway and install runway lighting projects because the FAA will not fund those projects.
- **White Sulphur Springs Airport** - Mike Beckoff from DOWL Engineers provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Wolf Point (L.M. Clayton) Airport** - Steve Allendgner from Interstate Engineering and Chris Desook, Wolf Point Mayor, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.

### **Loan/Grant Allocations**

The Board agreed to make grant and loan awards with safety as the priority.

- **Cut Bank Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$22,750 grant and \$37,538 loan was awarded.
- **Ennis (Big Sky Airport)**
  - Construct Taxiway- No grant or loan award was made as this project is new construction and is not safety related.
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$9,275 grant awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Apron - The Board discussed that rehabilitation of an apron is not a safety issue. However, it makes sense to rehabilitate the apron at the same time as the taxiway and runway rehabilitation. \$16,713 grant awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$5,000 grant awarded.
- **Fort Benton Airport**
  - Construct Taxiway - No grant or loan award was made as this project is new construction and is not safety related.
- **Hamilton (Ravalli County Airport)**
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$31,500 grant awarded.
  - Install/Rehabilitate Airport Beacons - \$4,377 grant awarded.
- **Havre City County Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$35,175 grant and \$82,913 loan awarded.
- **Laurel Municipal Airport**
  - Construct Runway - The Board discussed that the project is truly a rehabilitation of the existing runway, not new construction. \$20,289 grant awarded.
- **Lewistown Municipal Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$27,000 grant and \$50,056 loan awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$6,532 grant and \$15,398 loan awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Apron - The Board discussed that rehabilitation of an apron is not a safety issue. However, it makes sense to rehabilitate the apron at the same time as the taxiway and runway rehabilitation. \$5,245 grant and \$12,364 loan awarded.

- **Livingston (Mission Field Airport)**
  - Conduct/Update Airport Master Plan Study - No grant or loan award was made as this project not safety related.
- **Scobey Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$54,042 grant and \$90,070 loan awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Runway Lighting/Electrical Vault - \$5,958 grant and \$9,930 loan awarded.
- **Twin Bridges Airport**
  - Extend/Widen/Strengthen Runway - The board discussed that the current runway is a safety related issue because it is too narrow. \$16,500 grant awarded.
  - Install Taxiway Lighting - \$3,500 grant awarded.
  - Construct Taxiway - No grant or loan award was made as this project is new construction and is not safety related.
  - Expand Apron - No grant or loan award was made as this project is not safety related.
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$6,000 grant awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$1,275 grant awarded.
  - Rehabilitate Apron - The Board discussed that rehabilitation of an apron is not a safety issue. However, it makes sense to rehabilitate the apron at the same time as the taxiway and runway rehabilitation. \$935 grant awarded.
- **White Sulphur Springs Airport**
  - Conduct/Update Airport Master Plan Study - No grant or loan award was made as this project not safety related.
- **Wolf Point (L.M. Clayton Airport)**
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Building - Design for new hangars - No grant or loan award was made as this project not safety related.
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Building - Construction of new hangars - No grant or loan award was made as this project not safety related.
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Building - Heat for new hangars - No grant or loan award was made as this project not safety related.
  - Rehabilitate Runway Lighting/Electrical Vault - PAPI and reels - \$3,463 grant and \$1,731 loan awarded.

*Fred Lark made a motion to accept the loans and grants as presented with the exception of Havre Airport. Chris Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

*Rodger Lincoln has recused himself from voting on the Havre award as he is on the Havre Airport Board. Chris Edwards made a motion to accept the Havre Airport grant and loan allocation. Jeff Wadekamper seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

#### **Pavement Preservation Grant Allocations**

- \$90,000 is available for pavement preservation grants to be equally distributed between the seven primary airports for a total of \$12,857.14 per airport.

*Jeff Wadekamper recused himself as he is the Helena Airport Manager. Bill Hunt made a motion to approve allocation of \$90,000 pavement preservation grants to the seven primary airports. Walt McNutt approved the motion that passed unanimously.*

**Next Meeting**

- The June Extension meeting is tentatively set for 6/12/18 at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference.
- The next board meeting is tentatively set for 1/16-17/19.

*Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.*

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Tricia McKenna, Chairman

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Roger Lincoln, Secretary