

**Montana Aeronautics Board**  
**Montana Department of Transportation; Auditorium**  
**2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Aeronautics Board**

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**Guests**

Bryon Armour, Lewistown Airport  
Greg Bahr, Anaconda Airport Manager  
Keith Belden, Morrison Maierle  
Mary Bell, Robert Peccia & Associates  
Kristie Brabeck, Valley County  
Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates  
Craig Canfield, KLJ  
Pam Chamberlin, Bert Mooney Airport  
Katie Coleman-Assad, Stevensville Airport  
Nigel Davis, Morrison Maierle  
Chris Dodge, Jacobs Engineering  
Rick Donaldson, Robert Peccia & Associates  
Scott Eaton, Federal Aviation Administration  
Travis Eickman, Morrison Maierle  
Andy Galen, Morrison Maierle  
Jim Greil, DOWL  
Bret Hascamp, Ravalli County Airport  
David Hedditch, Hamilton, MT  
Jack Hinman, Choteau Airport  
Cory Kesler, Morrison Maierle

Lucas Locke, Valley County  
Doug McClarion, Ravalli County Airport  
Steve Mosby, Lewistown Airport  
Kevin Myhre, Century Co, Inc.  
Rick Newman, Lake County Joint Airports  
Mark Peterson, Havre Airport Board  
Doug Phair, Miles City Airport  
Tyler Reed, Morrison Maierle  
Rick Ryan, Bert Mooney Airport  
Nathan Schroht, KLJ  
Adam Share, Morrison Maierle  
Pete Smith, Lewistown Airport  
Chase Stoner, Havre Airport  
Eric Strong, DOWL  
Craig Thomas, Town of Stevensville  
Robert Underwood, Town of Stevensville  
Clint Von Voast, Blaine County  
Dempsey Vick, Town of Stevensville  
Forrest Walker, Robert Peccia & Associates  
Dave Whitehair, Town of Stevensville

**Call to Order**

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

**Applicant Presentation of Loan/Grant Applications**

- **Anaconda Airport** – Jim Greil and Eric Strong with DOWL and Greg Bahr, Anaconda Airport Manager, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Is Anaconda willing to take loan funds?** No, the airport is not in the position to pay back the loan.
    - **Does Anaconda charge landing fees?** Not collecting landing fees at this time. The airport does not have much to offer other than people are a little closer to their destination. The airport does have a fuel farm that will be coming in the spring that will be privately funded. Perhaps as the airport gets a little more infrastructure, it will begin to charge landing fees.
- **Big Sandy Airport** – Lance Bowser with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Bridger Airport** – There was no presentation for the Bridger Airport.
- **Butte Airport** – Corey Kesler with Morrison Maierle and Pam Chamberlin, Butte Airport Manager, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **What is the age of the payments and the PCI on them?** There was a mill overlay in 2013. Taxiway Delta was paved in 2005.
    - **How many flights a day are at the airport?** There are 13 flights a week, three flights a day except for Saturday which are two flights a day serviced by Delta.
    - **Would you be able to take a loan?** Yes, the airport could pay back a loan.
    - **Tax levy in place to support the airport. Has the airport applied to increase the tax levy?** The Airport Board has been talking about that.
- **Chester Airport** – Lance Bowser with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Choteau Airport** – Jim Greil and Eric Strong with DOWL and Jack Hinman, Choteau Airport Board Member, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **The application stated that if the airport does not get the funds, it would not be able to proceed with the project. If you got partial funds, would you still be able to proceed with the project?** The airport could come up with a minimal amount of funds.
    - **What are the procedures for running the snowplow?** The part time Airport Manager would run the snowplow if they had one. Right now, they are relying on the city and the county to do the plowing. Since city streets and the highway are priority, the airport gets plowed last. There would be a dedicated person to clear the snow.
    - **Would the help from the city and county to plow ever fulfill the FAA requirement?** No.
    - **Would the airport be able to accept a loan?** Not at this time.
- **Colstrip Airport** – Nathan Schroht with KLJ provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Would the airport be willing to accept loan funds?** No
    - **Will the project proceed without the grant funds?** It could, yes.

- **Columbus Airport** – Travis Eickman with Morrison Maierle provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Is there a tax levy?** With the joint partnership with the county and the city, there is not an avenue to create a tax levy.
    - **The application states that it is for engineering to acquire the land, but the presentation states that it is for the acquisition of the land, please clarify.** The acquisition process includes negotiations, getting appraisals, reviewing the appraisals, getting the agreement in place. The sponsor has to have a deed in hand before the FAA will release the funds for the acquisition.
- **Cut Bank Airport** – Lance Bowser with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Deer Lodge Airport** - Travis Eickman with Morrison Maierle provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Does the airport charge landing fees or fuel flowage fees?** The airport does charge fuel flowage fees and landing fees are currently under consideration.
    - **Is the Rock Creek Cattle Company supportive of the airport?** Yes, they put a lot of funds back into the city and county and are a large employer of local citizens. As far as fronting money for the project, it has been discussed, but not committed to.
    - **Have things changed with the FAA regarding funding for these projects?** All the work is eligible for FAA funding, it is difficult to get the funds into the sponsors hand currently.
- **Ennis Airport** - Lance Bowser with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **The additional 1,000 feet of the runway requires movement of the taxiway and runway?** Widening to allow a C2 aircraft dictates that the runway must go to 100 feet wide which requires an offsetting parallel taxiway.
    - **Is the airport currently fenced?** There is currently a 4 ½ foot fence. They have a lot of problems with elk on the runway and they are going to install a 9-foot wildlife exclusion fence to fence the entire airport.
    - **Is the airport willing to accept a loan?** The project is moving forward, and the airport is not interested in a loan.
- **Forsyth Airport** - Nathan Schroht with KLJ provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Is the fuel AV Gas or Jet Fuel?** The plan is to have only AV Gas.
    - **What is the gallon capacity of the tank?** We have not calculated the capacity of the tanks yet, but perhaps a 5,000-gallon tank.
    - **Is there competition with the private fuel owner?** The current owner is looking to get out of the business, so they are supportive of this project.
    - **Who would be managing the system and maintaining the system?** The airport manager and an airport board member that will be maintaining the fuel system.
    - **It seems like the fuel farm is not fully conceptualized, is that true?** Yes, the airport is still early in the planning stages.

- **Fort Benton Airport** - Lance Bowser with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. The airport is withdrawing the application to construct the taxiway and to construct a revenue generating hangar. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Glasgow Airport** - Jim Greil and Eric Strong with DOWL, Lucas Locke, Airport Manager, and Kristie Brabeck, Valley County Board Member, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Do you charge landing fees or fuel flowage fees?** The airport is the FBO and does charge fuel flowage fees but not charge landing fees.
    - **Do you see the tax levy coming back?** If there was a need for it, the county commissioners have always been very supportive. However, the airport is currently self-sufficient. There could be a possibility for tax levy in the future for planned projects.
- **Great Falls Airport** – Chris Dodge with Jacobs Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Will the airport be willing to accept a loan?** No.
    - **Is this a design only project?** Yes, the design is being done in 2020 with construction beginning in 2021.
    - **The application states that this is partially funded. Is this due to some of the project being FAA eligible and some not?** Yes.
- **Hamilton Airport** – Rick Donaldson with Robert Peccia & Associates, David Hedditch, Airport Board Chairman, and Doug McClarion, with the Hamilton Pilot’s Group and Bret Hascamp, Airport Board Member provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Havre Airport** - Jim Greil and Eric Strong with DOWL and Chase Stoner and Mark Peterson with the Havre Airport Board provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **What precipitated you to go to a public vote for the mils?** We believe it is important for the public to show their support. We felt that it was important to show the community how valuable the airport is to the community for life flights and fire fighting operations.
- **Hot Springs Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Kalispell City Airport** – There was no presentation for Kalispell City Airport.
- **Laurel Municipal Airport** – Craig Canfield from KLJ provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **The application states that there is no tax levy, but in the presentation, you stated that there is a 2 Mil tax levy. Please clarify.** There is a tax levy in place, but it is not dedicated to the airport.
- **Lewistown Airport** – Nigel Davis with Morrison Mariele and Pete Smith, Bryon Armour and Steve Mosby with the Lewistown Airport provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Is the airport willing to take a loan?** Yes.

- **Libby Airport** – Cory Kesler with Morrison Maierle provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **How does the finances work when there is such a disparity between income and expenses on the application?** The county makes up the shortfall for the airport.
- **Malta Airport** – Craig Canfield with KLJ provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Miles City Airport** - Craig Canfield with KLJ and Doug Phair, Miles City Airport Commission Member, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Taxiway project shows as not funded by the FAA, is that correct?** Yes
    - **Is the hangar door project eligible for FAA funding?** It is eligible for FAA funding, but it would have such a low priority that the FAA does not have funds available for the project.
    - **Does all the revenue from the hangar go to the airport?** Yes.
- **Philipsburg Airport** – Rick Donaldson with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Polson Airport** – Adam Share with Morrison Maierle and Rick Newman with the Lake County Airport Chairman provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **What is the fuel flowage fee?** \$0.10 per gallon for both AV Fuel and Jet Fuel.
    - **Since there is a utility trench crossing the property, is the utility company willing to assist with the funding?** It is actually a water trench that serves the airport and is the airport's responsibility.
    - **Did you state in your application that you were looking only for a 5% match?** No, this airport is the 10% match, the next one is requesting 5% match.
- **Poplar Municipal Airport** – Nigel Davis with Morrison Maierle provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Red Lodge Airport** – There was no presentation for the Red Lodge Airport.
- **Ronan Airport** - Adam Share with Morrison Maierle and Rick Newman with the Lake County Airport Chairman provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **The current AWOS system was put in 2017. Could you add another \$20,000 to add the ceiling component?** Yes, that is true. However, by adding the other components to bring it to an AWOS PT3, it will bring it up to the requirements so that the FAA will take over the maintenance going forward.
    - **If the board was to award part of the AWOS, could it be better to wait until the FAA comes fully on board?** Yes, because we can wait for another year or two so that the FAA has a chance to come aboard.
- **Sidney Airport** – Craig Canfield with KLJ provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Why is taxiway E not eligible for federal funding?** It is eligible for federal funding, there are just not enough funds for the project.
    - **As a primary airport, what do they receive in NPE's?** \$1 Million in NPEs

- **St Ignatius Airport** - Adam Share with Morrison Maierle and Rick Newman with the Lake County Airport Chairman provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Stanford Airport** – Lance Bowser with Robert Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. There were no questions from the Board.
- **Stevensville Airport** – Tyler Reed with Morrison Maierle and Katie Coleman-Assad, Craig Thomas, Robert Underwood, Dempsey Vick, and David Whitehair with the Town of Stevensville provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Three Forks Airport** – Travis Eickman with Morrison Maierle provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Turner Airport** – Corey Kessler with Morrison Maierle and Clint Von Voast with Blaine County Airport Commission provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
  - **Questions from the board:**
    - **Do you charge for hangar usage such as a lease?** Yes, we do.
    - **Do you get fuel flowage fees from your fuel sales?** Yes, there is a \$0.10 fuel flowage fee.

### Public Comment

- Craig Canfield provided additional information regarding the Sidney Airport presentation.
- Doug Phair provided additional information regarding the Miles City Airport presentation.
- Craig Thomas from Stevensville. I would like to thank Montana Aeronautics for their support of general aviation. It is appreciated. Thank you.

### Loan/Grant Allocations

The Board decided to fund design projects at 50% of the request with grant funds.

- **Anaconda Airport**
  - Construct Apron - \$135,000 grant and NO loan
  - Install/Rehabilitate Airport Beacons - \$7,000 grant and NO loan
  - Construct Apron (Design) - \$7,500 grant and \$7,500 loan
- **Big Sandy Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$11,520 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway- \$3,300 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron- \$1,625 grant and NO loan
- **Bridger Municipal Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$15,000 grant and NO loan
- **Butte Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$72,585 grant and \$1,035 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$9,190 grant and \$9,190 loan
- **Chester Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$14,025 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$1,725 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$5,250 grant and NO loan
- **Choteau Airport**
  - Acquire Snow Removal Equipment - \$30,000 grant and NO loan

- **Colstrip Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$14,844 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$2,260 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$6,076 grant and NO loan
- **Columbus Airport**
  - Acquire land/easement for development/relocation - \$8,889 grant and \$8,888 loan
- **Cut Bank Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$44,542 grant and NO loan
- **Deer Lodge Airport**
  - Acquire land/easement for development/relocation – NO AWARD
  - Construct/extend/improve runway safety area - NO AWARD
  - Expand Apron - NO AWARD
    - The board choose not to fund these projects because they are not currently federally funded.
- **Ennis Airport**
  - Construct Taxiway - \$52,920 grant and NO loan
  - Install Taxiway Lighting- \$28,440 grant and NO loan
  - Extend/Widen/Strengthen Taxiway- \$28,110 grant and NO loan
  - Acquire Security Equipment/Install Perimeter Fencing- \$33,100 grant and NO loan
  - Conduct/Update Airport Master Plan Study- \$1,750 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron- \$93,487 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway- \$23,825 grant and NO loan
  - Extend Taxiway- \$4,950 grant and NO loan
  - Install Weather Reporting Equipment- \$3,000 grant and NO loan
  - Install/Rehabilitate Airport Beacons- \$3,500 grant and NO loan
  - Install Runway Vertical/Visual Guidance- \$8,000 grant and NO loan
  - Install Miscellaneous NAVAIDS- \$6,600 grant and NO loan
    - Not fully funded because of the size of the request. The Master Plan was funded at 50% of the request because it was an engineering project.
- **Forsyth Airport**
  - Construct/Improve/Repair Fuel Farm – NO AWARD
    - This project was not funded because of potential for competition with local FBO and the project was not fully planned.
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$12,814 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$5,192 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$5,914 grant and NO loan
- **Fort Benton Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$7,130 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$3,720 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$12,150 grant and NO loan

- **Glasgow Airport**
  - Construct Taxiway (Design) - \$7,500 grant and \$7,500 loan
  - Install Runway vertical/visual Guidance System - \$6,000 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Runway (Design) - \$2,000 grant and \$2,000 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway (Design) - \$1,500 grant and \$1,500 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron (Design) - \$1,500 grant and \$1,500 loan
- **Great Falls Airport**
  - Construct Deicing Containment Facility (Design) - \$17,500 grant and \$17,500 loan
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Access Road - NO grant and \$71,832 loan
- **Hamilton Airport**
  - Construct Runway (Design) - \$14,500 grant and \$14,500 loan
  - Construct Taxiway (Design) - \$3,000 grant and \$3,000 loan
  - Install Runway Lighting (Design) - \$500 grant and \$500 loan
  - Environmental Mitigation - \$23,000 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$200,000 grant and NO loan
  - Expand Apron - \$41,000 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$200,000 grant and NO loan
  - Acquire Snow Removal Equipment – NO AWARD
    - This project was not funded because the FAA will not fund it until FY2023
- **Havre Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway (Design) - \$2,000 grant and \$2,000 loan
  - Rehabilitate Runway (Construction) - \$36,000 grant and NO loan
- **Hot Springs Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$173,200 grant and NO loan
- **Kalispell City Airport**
  - Install Runway Lighting - \$215,462 grant and NO loan
  - Acquire Security Equipment/Install Perimeter Fencing - \$21,250 grant and \$21,250 loan
- **Laurel Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$8,550 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$12,050 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$16,750 grant and NO loan
- **Lewistown Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$77,777 grant and NO loan
- **Libby Airport**
  - Acquire Snow Removal Equipment - \$15,000 grant and NO loan
- **Malta Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$14,680 grant, NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$5,140 grant, NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Runway Lighting - \$27,080 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway Lighting - \$4,570 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway- \$1,930 grant and NO loan



- **Miles City Airport**
  - Construct Runway - \$130,260 grant and NO loan
  - Construct Taxiway- \$51,120 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$41,800 grant and NO loan
  - Install/Rehabilitate Airport Beacons - \$750 grant and NO loan
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Building - \$40,000 grant and \$35,000 loan
- **Philipsburg Airport**
  - Conduct/Update Airport Master Plan Study- \$17,500 grant and NO loan
- **Polson Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$3,900 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$4,200 grant and NO loan
- **Poplar Municipal Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$20,283 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$2,913 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$1,204 grant and NO loan
  - Install Weather Reporting Equipment- \$28,900 grant and NO loan
- **Red Lodge Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$20,000 grant and NO loan
- **Ronan Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$4,906 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$3,842 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$2,954 grant and NO loan
  - Conduct/Update Airport Master Plan Study - \$750 grant and NO loan
  - Install Weather Reporting Equipment – NO AWARD
    - This project was not funded because the FAA will not fund it until next fiscal year
- **Sidney Airport**
  - Construct Taxiway - \$74,375 grant and \$74,375 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$32,300 grant and \$32,300 loan
- **St Ignatius Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$63,079 grant, NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$14,320 grant, NO loan
- **Stanford Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$182,570 grant, NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$7,610 grant, NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$34,850 grant and NO loan
  - Construct Taxiway - NO grant and \$17,030 loan
- **Stevensville Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$106,252 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$53,463 grant and NO loan
  - Construct Taxiway - \$13,625 grant and NO loan
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Service Road - NO grant and \$21,600 loan
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Building - \$35,848 grant and NO loan

- **Three Forks Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$104,466 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$42,330 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$42,330 grant and NO loan
- **Turner Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$155,428 grant and NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway – Construction \$19,000 grant, NO loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$21,500 grant and NO loan
  - Construct Taxiway - \$47,000 grant and NO loan

*Walt McNutt recused himself from the vote on the Sidney Airport award as he is a member of the Sidney Airport Board. Roger Lincoln recurred himself from the vote on the Havre Airport as his is a member of the Havre Airport Board.*

*Bill Hunt made a motion to accept the grant and loans as presented except for Sidney Airport and Havre Airport. John Maxness seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Bill Hunt made a motion to accept the loan and grant as presented for the Sidney and Havre Airports. Jeff Wadkamper seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

*The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.*

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Tricia McKenna, Chairperson

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Roger Lincoln, Secretary