

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority was held July 11, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. in the Airport Conference Room. Board members present were John McKenna, Steve Williamson and Yvonne Jarrett. John McKenna performed the duties of Chairman as Richard Roehm was unable to attend the meeting, as was Tom Nopper, the Vice-Chairman. Ted Mathis, Airport Director, Brian Sprenger, Assistant Director and Cherie Ferguson, Clerk, were present.

The first agenda item was to review and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2002. Steve Williamson moved to accept the minutes as mailed, Yvonne Jarrett seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

The second agenda item was the public comment period. There were no public comments.

The third agenda item was the Montana Aeronautics Division overview – Debbie Alke, Administrator. Debbie Alke has been with the Montana Aeronautics Division since 1990 and in November was appointed the administrator. Ms. Alke said she would like to see more interaction between her department and the larger airports in Montana. She is aware of the need for radar for the Butte, Helena and Bozeman area and will be happy to help in any way she can to make it happen.

Ms. Alke gave a brief history of the Division, how they operate and how they are funded. She is hoping to make a course available to new airport managers, airport board members, county commissioners and cities that run airports and don't have much experience with aviation. She is currently trying to generate enough interest to make it a worthwhile project. Mr. Mathis said that in the past the Montana Airport Management Association put together a program, which had a pretty good response. He said he still gets about 6 calls a year from general aviation airport operators.

The Montana Aeronautics Division also participates in a resale program where they purchase windsocks, lights, etc. in volume and then airports can purchase those items from them at a discounted price.

The Montana Aeronautics Division provides safety and education workshops for preschool children through educators. They have programs to help pilots and mechanics renew their licenses and learn winter survival skills.

They have about 700 volunteers in 14 districts who provide aerial search and rescue support as needed. They also have \$4,000 allocated for a courtesy car program to provide transportation at airports that don't have commercial transportation available.

The Division puts on a conference each year. This year it was held in Bozeman and Ms. Alke said Ted Mathis and Brian Sprenger did a great job hosting the conference and added that John McKenna ran a silent auction. She said the conference was very good.

The Board members thanked Ms. Alke for coming. They also said they will help her in any way they can.

The fourth agenda item was to consider landscaping standards for the new east ramp area. Mr. Mathis said the new area is just a big open field. Plans for the first hangar have been approved and more buildings will soon follow. It would be good to have some standards set up in advance.

Mr. Mathis said he had received some comments from Mr. McKenna and Mr. Nopper regarding the draft he sent out. We currently don't have any standards for landscaping, but have encouraged landscaping in commercial areas.

The Board members who were present discussed the subject at some length. There was agreement that landscaping would be nice, but there were questions as to how to accomplish the goal, by setting a dollar amount by percent of project, by requiring a certain

number of trees, shrubs, etc., or by approving plans on a case-by-case basis. The Board agreed to table the item until the next meeting.

The fifth agenda item was the report on passenger boardings and flight operations - Brian Sprenger. Mr. Sprenger reported that in June there were 565 air carrier operations, 628 air taxi, 2,107 GA itinerant and 24 military, for a total of 3,324 itinerant operations. Local general aviation operations were 2,377, for a total of 5,701 tower operations in June, up 13.45% from June a year ago. Every category was up over the previous year. There were 163 landings of aircraft over 12,500 pounds, up almost 37% from June 2001. Local general aviation was up 28.9%.

Mr. Sprenger reported that passenger boardings were 22,959, up 4.8% from June a year ago. Year to date is up 1.69% compared to the same period in 2001.

This was our 5th straight record month. Through June of 2002, we have enplaned more passengers than in all of 1990. Mr. Sprenger said that July boardings should be up but it will be close as we don't have a greater number of seats available. He said that in July, United Express may board more passengers than Delta Air Lines; that does not include the Delta Connection flights. Northwest Airlines should still be in the number one spot as they add extra flights in July and August.

There will be nonstop service from Bozeman to Los Angeles with 12 flights during the winter months. Beginning August 1st, Delta Connection will add another flight to Salt Lake City. That will give us 5 daily nonstop flights to Salt Lake City.

The sixth agenda item was the Director's Report – Ted Mathis. Mr. Mathis reported that we succeeded in moving our security checkpoint in time to meet the rush. This doubled the size of our screening area and works very well. The temporary exit area is not pretty, but does the job.

Over the last month, Scott Bell, the Airport Engineer, and Mr. Mathis have met with 3 of the 6 landowners regarding possible land acquisition. Four are somewhat interested.

Mr. Mathis reported that regarding construction, the turf runway is well under way and the east ramp is progressing well. The contractor recently showed up to work on the municipal well but not much progress has been made yet.

The sprinkler system has been held up for lack of supplies. They have found an alternate type of pipe and will be moving ahead soon.

Last month, JTL moved 30,000 cubic yards of dirt from the cargo ramp area to the gravel pits where the new turf runway will go.

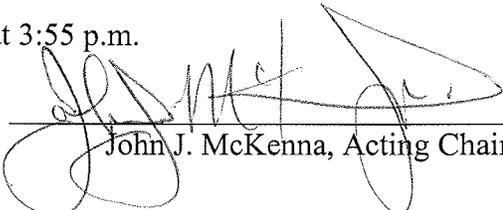
Mr. Mathis reported that Pete Waite passed away on June 26th. He served on the Airport Board for 37 or more years and was one of the founding fathers of Gallatin Field. Mr. Mathis and Mr. Roehm attended the service on July 2nd. Flowers and a card were sent to the family.

Mr. Mathis also reported that the 1987 Ford Taurus was replaced with a 2001 Ford Windstar from Bozeman Ford, and the 1985 Chevrolet S10 was replaced with a 2001 S10 from Danhof Chevrolet.

Mr. Mathis will take the Board members and other interested persons on a tour of the construction areas after the meeting.

The seventh agenda item was to consider the bills and approve for payment. After review and discussion, Ms. Jarret moved to pay the bills and Mr. Williamson seconded the motion, which carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



John J. McKenna, Acting Chairman