

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority was held October 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Airport Conference Room. Board members present were Ted Mathis, Steve Williamson, John McKenna, Kevin Kelleher and Richard Roehm. Also present were Brian Sprenger, Airport Director, Scott Humphrey, Deputy Airport Director and Cherie Ferguson, Office Manager.

The first agenda item was to review and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 9, 2010. Richard Roehm moved to accept the September minutes; Kevin Kelleher seconded the motion and it was a unanimous decision to approve the minutes.

The second agenda item was the public comment period. Steve Williamson, Board Chair, said there were no public comments but anyone wishing to comment on an agenda item could do so when it is being discussed.

The third agenda item was meet the staff. Brian Sprenger, Airport Director, said this month's focus employee is Bryan Adams, one of our Public Safety Officers who is probably the most well known officer we have on staff because he has been involved with thousands of young kids in the Bozeman school system when he was with the Bozeman PD.

Officer Adams thanked Mr. Sprenger and said it was nice to be here and share a little bit about himself. He said it is not something he enjoys doing because he would rather do for others. Officer Adams said he was born in Missoula in 1959, which is not that long ago and he is over the hill at this point. He said it was there that he developed an interest in music. He said he was a normal kind of kid running around doing things that normal kids do but his father and mother made him take piano lessons, which he thinks is a great thing but at that time it didn't seem like it. He learned on his grandmother's piano, which is now over 100 years old. He still has it in his house and he still plays it so he has a lot of fun with that. He attended Hellgate High School in Missoula and it was there that he got involved in music

more than he ever could have ever imagined and it probably kept him out of trouble. He was fortunate enough to make some select music groups, and that sort of kept him on a path. He got involved in sports and was a varsity basketball player. He participated in track and field with discus, shot put and some running. As a senior he was voted president of the Chamber Choir, which was the top choir in the Hellgate High School. He also was in the elite group called the Chevaliers so he had a lot of fun singing around the area and participating in different competitions.

After he graduated from high school, he went to work for the railroad and worked for Burlington Northern with the steel gangs and tie gangs for four years and was trying to get into train service. His father was a 42 year veteran so he got to ride the trains as a youngster and the passenger trains when they were a big deal in the '60s. In the '70s that sort of dissipated. He wanted to be a railroader and did that for a while but also managed a Burger King for Bill Ryan during that time. He started with them when they opened in Missoula in 1977. In 1978, he was promoted to assistant manager. It was very successful and he had a lot of fun in that organization. He still has contacts from there.

After that he tried the University of Montana for a couple of years, tried music, physical therapy, business but couldn't quite find out where he needed to go. In 1984 he told himself he had to find a career. So he pulled out the Missoulian, looked in the newspaper and started going through the want ads looking for what he could do. At that time, his friend Shawn Driscoll, who went on to be the Colonel of the highway patrol, was seriously interested in law enforcement. His family and Officer Adams had cabins on Flathead Lake right next to each other so they hung out a lot of summers. Of course they talked highway patrol and police and somehow that permeated Officer Adams and he thought that wouldn't be a bad career. Surely enough, in the paper was an ad for five Montana Highway patrol

cadets. He thought that wouldn't be a bad deal so he applied but didn't believe he had a prayer of really getting anything in law enforcement because of the competition at that time and because he had no experience. He applied for it anyway and when he got there, there were 500 people applying for five positions. He said he thought he'd have some fun with it so he sat down, took his five hour test like everybody else. He made it into the top 100. He was pretty physically fit back then so thought he would do okay with the physical fitness test. He made it into the top 25. From the 25, they went to five positions and he was fortunate enough to get picked up in 1984 by the Highway Patrol.

He began his career at the Academy in 1985 and finished in the top of his class of seven so he got placed in Hardin, Montana. He said that was an interesting place to be and he got initiated into a lot of things. Within two weeks he had to deal with his first fatality and got initiated into reservation justice. He met a lot of good people down there. He enjoyed working on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Reservations. He has a lot of good friends to this day still there. He said that was probably one of the best stations he's ever had and it was hard for him to leave. He spent 2 ½ years there and then moved to Billings where he met his wife Sue. She was a deputy sheriff of about eleven years at that time and he met her after two weeks on the job in Billings over a cup of coffee at Perkins. He thought, she's making coffee decisions, then she made him some cookies and she turned out to be a pretty good gal and they have been married for 24 years so that worked out really well.

He spent 11 ½ years with the highway patrol, moved to Bozeman in 1988 and became rather involved in his community through church activities and different things like that. He and his wife were lead instructors in the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. He did a lot of programs for the Highway Patrol when he was there; OC Pepper Spray, PR24 police baton, survival and weapons tactics. They developed those programs when they were first

coming out. There was a team of four who put that together for the entire state and they had a lot of fun. A lot of those things are still in use to this day. He said it has been a good run that way.

His wife and he decided children were appropriate and in 1988 their son was born. He is now 22 years old, has graduated from the Naval Academy and is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Quantico. Their daughter came along in 1991 and is a sophomore at MSU B in Billings. She is studying to be a teacher. Officer Adams said law enforcement has been good to him. His children have seen a lot and have experienced a lot.

In 1990 he had his first opportunity to sing in uniform. Marc Racicot was the General Attorney at the time and asked him to sing at a drug awareness meeting. He said it was the most nervous he has ever been and he forgot the words. The kids who were there knew the words and kept singing. When Marc Racicot was elected governor, he asked Officer Adams to sing at both of his inaugurations and his inaugural ball. When Judy Martz was elected as the first female governor, she asked him to sing at her inauguration. Officer Adams said it was fun as a patrolman and a city policeman to do that.

Office Adams also was part of a Contemporary Christian group at First Lutheran Church. They made a CD entitled *Walk in the Light* and went on tour. Seven of the fourteen songs are originals. He was still working in law enforcement while he was doing that.

Officer Adams has directed church choirs and also got involved in theater with the Bozeman Theater Works. In 2003, he was played Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*. Four of the lead people formed a quartet. He also played George Bailey in a radio production of *It's A Wonderful Life*. At a youth summit, his daughter sang *One Tin Soldier* when she was five years old. He played the guitar while she sang. Since then they have sung together a number of times and he has enjoyed that.

In 2007, he was nominated for the State of Montana Officer of the Year Award and received that award before he retired from the Bozeman Police Department in 2008. On the shirrtails of that, he was picked up here. He said it is a great time to be here. He doesn't have the stress levels that he has experienced at other places and said it is a tribute to Mr. Mathis and Mr. Sprenger the way the ship is run.

Officer Adams said he tried a business venture for Meineke Car Care but that didn't take off due to the economy. He said his thirteen year plan is to get out of debt and retire at age 75. He and his wife are enjoying their children, being involved in their lives and going to Army Navy Games.

He said he is happy to be here and be a part of this organization. He thanked the Board and they thanked him.

The fourth agenda item was to consider the first addendum to the land lease / sewer and water use agreement with the City of Belgrade. Mr. Sprenger said our agreement with the City of Belgrade pairs their lease of our land where their shop building and water tower are located with our sewer and water use of the water and sewer system. Belgrade has not raised their rates since 2002. Since they raised our rates, we told them we needed to raise ours as well. The agreement was set up in 2002 by Mr. Mathis. Mr. Sprenger said it is a well written document and future boards and City of Belgrade commissioners can look at it and see how much we've done. He thinks maybe next time it should be updated to show the additional things we have cooperated in. The Belgrade City Commission has signed it and Mr. Sprenger recommended our Board sign it too. Mr. Williamson asked if we helped build the water tower and Mr. Sprenger said we paid half of the cost. Ted Mathis said we built it too.

Mr. Sprenger said it was unanimous at the Belgrade City Commission meeting except for one person and he asked her to come out so he could show her how we have participated. It is more to our advantage to have the agreement in front of the Belgrade Commission and Airport Board to remind everybody what is going on because Belgrade has the facilities and the easements in their name. This is the one document that tells all the things we participate in. Mr. Roehm asked if it would be more beneficial to make it an automatic raise or to address it each time they raise their rates. He said it seems like a lot more work to make it an agenda item each time. Mr. Sprenger said we will do whatever the Board recommends but we see it as advantageous as the agreement spells out all the cooperation between the Airport Authority and the City of Belgrade and how much the Airport has contributed to the City of Belgrade.

Mr. McKenna moved to accept the lease addendum to the land lease / sewer and water use agreement with the City of Belgrade. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion which carried with all Board members voting aye.

The fifth agenda item was to consider the date for the November Airport Authority Board meeting. Mr. Sprenger said the Board meeting is currently scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Veterans Day. He said we will hold it then if the Board wants us to but if not he suggested holding it on Friday. Mr. Williamson said he would prefer not to have a meeting on Friday and would prefer it be held on Tuesday or Thursday. Mr. Roehm said that he could be here on Tuesday the ninth and then he asked if the Chair would consider discussion on the meeting time. He said that he will be termed out at the end of June but would like meetings until then to start at 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. before the sun goes down. Mr. Williamson said two o'clock is better for him than 1:30. Mr. Mathis moved that the November 2010 meeting be held on the ninth at 2:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. from now on for

our regularly scheduled meetings. Mr. Roehm seconded the motion, and it carried with all Board members voting aye.

The sixth agenda item was to consider the report on passenger boardings and flight operations – Scott Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey said we have had a phenomenal September. It surpassed last September's by 21% with 34,073 enplanements versus 27,998. Tower operations increased by 2% with air carrier operations up from 504 to 690. Local traffic increased by 1% and itinerant operations were down 6.3%. Rolling twelve month enplanements were 352,785. Corporate landings were up 15%. That is a good sign for us. In 2009, load factors were 90.6%. This year they are 79.7%, which is down but is still respectable. The airlines have added 10,000 more seats this year. We have had six months of record boardings this year. October is currently showing 11% better than October 2009.

On November 12, Allegiant Air will begin twice weekly service between Bozeman and Phoenix-Mesa, which will add an additional 1,500 seats. Mr. Humphrey said we should have close to 360,000 boardings for 2010.

Mr. Roehm asked why we are seeing this many passengers and Mr. Humphrey said the FAA in Helena said people are staying domestic. Yellowstone National Park has seen an increase in numbers this year and we have reasonable air fares here for the first time in a number of years. Allegiant Air has added to the increase but it is mainly due to Frontier Airlines with their lower fares and connections. Mr. McKenna asked if we are getting passengers from other Montana airports and Mr. Humphrey said we aren't seeing a lot of that. It is mainly local and inbound traffic. Bozeman was voted number one for skiing and that may help. Right now we have seats available and hopefully our yields will be up.

Mr. Kelleher said he talked to Tim Ryan with Resort Property Management and their bookings are up 43% from 2009. Moonlight Basin-East West Reports said their bookings are

down and he is not surprised at that because of what is going on there. Old Faithful is attracting a lot of international travel. Not much is going on at The Club. Huntley Lodge is running a good special with \$69 per night with a minimum stay of three nights. That has attracted some people.

The Board thanked Mr. Humphrey and asked him to keep the good news coming.

The seventh agenda item was the airport director's report – Brian Sprenger. Mr. Sprenger said September was phenomenal and October will be good. Last year we got caught because there weren't enough seats. The airlines responded a day late and a dollar short. This year we have enough seats. We don't know what will happen next year and if they will pull back some seats.

Mr. Sprenger also reported that Horizon Air has a Bobcat plane, which will arrive here November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. They are doing one with Missoula's logo too, as well as others in the region.

Mr. Sprenger asked Don Stueck to give a report on the terminal. Mr. Stueck said he played the piano when he was in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades but he didn't do much with music after that. Unlike Officer Adams, he preferred football, wrestling and girls.

He said the terminal construction is coming along really well. The glu-lam beam roof structure and the wood roof decking for the structural part of the building are complete. There are a lot of glu-lam beams in the terminal expansion, which are decorative for the interior. The exterior is sheltered and framed. They have heaters and NorthWestern Energy hooked up the gas and electric. Right now they are operating on temporary power but after approval from the state building inspector, they will be able to switch to permanent power. They are installing windows and next week they will start shingling. Mr. Stueck said the stone work is going very well and Anderson Masonry from Big Fork is one of the best stone

masonry companies they have ever worked with. The week of the 25<sup>th</sup> the escalators will be installed.

Mr. Stueck said on a job this size he expected a lot more problems. They have bi-monthly meetings and things have gone very well. He said it is a great team and the staff the Board has here is a class act.

There have been no change orders to date. He said when this job is done, the Board will be very proud. They expect gates 4 and 5 will be open by June 1<sup>st</sup> and are still shooting for August 1<sup>st</sup> to be totally done with the construction in the new addition and be ready for occupancy. They will begin the work so the car rental companies can move and should have that completed by October.

Mr. Sprenger said that Mr. Bell and he will be in Helena for an Interstate Interchange meeting on Tuesday. The main focus will be funding and the schedule.

Mr. Sprenger said the Board members had received copies of the business case study from the FAA. When you read the first half, you think they got it. When you read the second half, you think they don't get it. They have finally decided we need approach control but the next questions are how long it will take and where to put it. Mr. Williamson asked if there are only a couple of places and Mr. Sprenger said the FAA has now added Boise. We're pushing back because we don't want them to add another factor into the mix. He said we will use our Congressional Delegation to respond to this. Mr. Williamson asked which one would be preferable and Mr. Sprenger said whichever one is the fastest. He said you can find reasons for each.

Mr. McKenna and he have been on conference calls regarding standard instrument procedures. Mr. McKenna said the guys in the tower have really put in a ton of effort and have been team players. He said they have a really good crew. He also said Tom Bowman

and Gary Frisk have been working very hard at the FAA to get the procedure published in June so it can go into effect by the December timeframe.

Mitch Robison, tower manager, said RSAT from Renton, Washington will be here on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Old Terminal to make a presentation at 12:30 for a question and answer session and to discuss runway incursions and hot spots. Mr. Sprenger said they had a meeting two years ago and they will follow up every two years. Most local pilots should have received post cards or emails.

Mr. Williamson asked about the annual FAA ADO meeting. Mr. Sprenger said we pay homage annually. They are the ones we get AIP grants from. We may get some additional discretionary funds. Spending has to happen after we get the grant. We may be able to get some on the terminal but it is dependent on Congress.

The eighth agenda item was to consider the bills and approve for payment. Mr. Mathis asked who J & K Recyclers are and Mr. Sprenger they collect our recycled items and we pay them to pick them up. This community has limited sources. Mr. McKenna said it is primarily for public relations. Mr. Mathis said he wanted it on the record that he thinks the bins take up a lot of space where the public could be standing and they smell bad. Mr. Williamson said it is for public relations. Mr. Mathis said several bins take time to fill up. Mr. McKenna said he knows recycling does not pay in this state but the other issues we can do something about. Mr. Mathis said it is a big problem with the holiday rush and our limited queuing. They take up a lot of space. Mr. Sprenger said it is a balancing act and we have tried them in a couple of different places. Mr. Williamson asked if they are filling up. Mr. Sprenger said there is almost no aluminum, some paper and the plastic fills up very fast. He said our guys built the recycling centers for less than we could purchase them and we

think they look better than the commercial ones. He said he appreciates the Board member's comments. It's new for us and we appreciate input.

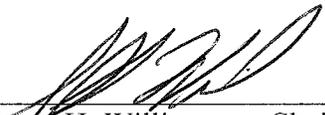
Mr. Williamson asked why we are doing this and Mr. Sprenger said we have had discussions in the past. The airlines said they were separating items on the planes but had no place to put the recycled items. The most common complaint on our comment cards is lack of recycling, even more than smoking complaints.

Mr. Mathis asked if the restaurant and lounge are participating as well. Craig Claus, manager of the Copper Horse Restaurant, said he is a huge advocate of recycling and they are really good about bagging but not tying off. They will work on that. He said he was shocked to see all the cardboard previously going into the dumpster.

Another bill was for Hardrives Construction for fog sealing at the airport. Mr. Sprenger said kudos to Scott Bell for managing that.

The eighth agenda item was to consider the bills and approve for payment. After reviewing and discussing the bills, Mr. McKenna moved we pay the bills and Mr. Roehm seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.



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Steven H. Williamson, Chair