

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority was held December 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Airport Customs and Operations Building. Board members present were Carl Lehrkind, Karen Stelmak, Kendall Switzer, and Ted Barkley. Also present were Brian Sprenger, CEO, Scott Humphrey, COO, and Troy Watling, CFO.

Mr. Lehrkind, Vice-Chair and acting Board Chairman, welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority Board and called the meeting to order.

**1. Review and approve minutes of regular meeting held November 14, 2024**

Mr. Lehrkind asked if everyone had received their copy of the minutes and if they had any corrections or additions. There were none.

**MOTION:** Ms. Stelmak moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 14, 2024. Mr. Barkley seconded the motion, and all board members voted aye. The motion carried.

**2. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**3. Report on passenger boardings and flight operations – Scott Humphrey**

Mr. Humphrey said there were 79,051 total tower operations in November which is down 23.7% compared to November 2023. Rolling 12-month operations are 120,407. Corporate landings over 12,500 lbs. were 411 and 485 corporate landings over 9,000 lbs. There were 6 customs clearances this November and 7% above year-to-date. Total revenue enplanements were down .8% with 70,482 versus 71,048 passengers but still up 7.3% for the year. That brings the total past 12-month enplanements to 1,315,376. Total deplanements were down 5.5% with 67,262 deplanements and up 7% for the year. Landings were up slightly

at 663 versus 661. The overall airline load factor was up 4.3% at 78.2% versus 75%. Fuel dispensed was up 25.4% for October.

There are 3,800 more seats in December. The first 14 days of December are at a 76% load factor. If we hit an 80% load factor, we should end up 4-5% better than last December.

#### **4. Airport CEO Report – Brian Sprenger**

Mr. Sprenger said a full report was submitted prior to the meeting and he offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Sprenger reported that about 4% of our passengers shifted to December due to the late Thanksgiving. Overnight cars in November were 94% of last November. Month to date overnight cars are 106% of last December. Concession revenue in November was 104% of last November and month to date is 112% of last December.

We are seeing some of the flight schedules for next year. This summer Jet Blue loaded Boston daily, May 24 to September 2. Boston will join Newark and Atlanta for daily service to the eastern time zone. We are seeing a lot of emphasis to the east coast this summer. Delta will be operating to Boston and JFK on the weekends in addition to the JetBlue service to those markets. American has added 3 frequencies per week to Charlotte for a total of 4 per week. American is adding a second daily flight to Chicago for the summer. Southwest has added a second weekly frequency to Nashville and continuing Chicago Midway service. We will have 5 daily flights to Chicago airports between United, American and Southwest. In July, 14% of our flights will be to the eastern time zone. 30% of our flights will be to the central time zone. 30% of our flights will be to the mountain time zone and the remaining 26% to the pacific time zone. That is much more evenly spread than most airports. 60% of Boise and

Spokane's flights are to the pacific time zone. Boise and Spokane have 2% of their flights to the eastern time zone. Colorado Springs is 5% to the eastern time zone, 5% to pacific, and 90% to mountain and central time zones.

Yesterday we had the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) here. Tower staffing is of the utmost concern. We are still 3-3.5 hours short of where we should be. Staff is working with Salt Lake Center and Big Sky Approach. We are continuing to work with our congressional delegation to apply pressure.

#### **5. Consider bills and approve for payment**

The bills were reviewed and detailed by Mr. Sprenger.

MOTION: Mr. Switzer moved to approve the bills for payment. Ms. Stelmak seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

#### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



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Ted Mathis, Board Chairman