

Minutes of the regular rescheduled meeting of the Winslow Airport Commission held on February 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona 86047. All members of the Commission appeared telephonically.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Coolidge  
Commissioner Blalock  
Commissioner Lazzarini  
Commissioner Kenna

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Patton

**STAFF**

John Barkley,  
Airport Manager

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coolidge at 4:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Commissioner Kenna. Roll was called.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Blalock, seconded by Commissioner Kenna to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Coolidge and Commissioners Blalock, Lazzarini, and Kenna voting yes.

**Approval of minutes – October 19, 2020**

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Kenna, seconded by Commissioner Lazzarini to approve the minutes of October 19, 2020 as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Coolidge and Commissioners Blalock, Lazzarini, and Kenna voting yes.

**Call to the Public**

None.

**Report by Wiseman Aviation on Current Airport Activities**

Orville Wiseman provided a look at the last year for the Airport, and reported a good year for the airport, even with Covid 19. He attributed much of that to the tanker base, as well as a lot of military movement.

Mr. Wiseman stated some concerns with the Airport Café sitting empty after the loss of Oscar Baron. He stated the electrical wiring for the café has always been on the same meter as the Wiseman Management. He further proposed to the City that Wiseman lease the entire terminal and work to get someone in the Airport Café, and that way they could at least be able to keep an eye on the place while it sits empty, and the City could help in getting someone in there.

As to the restaurant itself, Mr. Wiseman stated that it is his belief that the airport restaurant should be open on the weekends. He further stated that some of the space at the kitchen which was not in use could be used differently, such as for office space or a conference room for their use.

### **Report by Airport Manager**

The Airport Manager reported that the City has conveyed their condolences to the Baron family for their loss, and stated that the City has extended to them a release from the rental obligation for the space.

The Airport Manager stated that he appreciated Wiseman Aviation for stepping up with ideas for expanding the Airport and indicated the City is amenable to that, and would help with getting another restaurant in the space.

The Airport Manager stated further that the Airport has received \$20,000.00 from the FAA CARES ACT grant, and another \$9000.00 from the FAA Airport Corona Virus Response Grant Program, which will help supplant some deficits. He stated that these monies and the amount in the City budget should be able to take care of the Runway 22 project.

The Airport Manager stated that the City Historic Preservation Commission, Chairman Kenna, has begun a project to apply for an historic designation for the terminal building and the hangar. He stated that next week they would be out at the airport to take photos and work on that project. *Note: Commissioner Kenna left the meeting at this time.*

The Airport Manager further stated that he continues to work with Guardian Air on a 'through the fence' agreement. He stated that they wish to move into a private hangar which is adjacent to the northeast side of the airport grounds. He further stated that they want to expand their operations there, and that he does not anticipate any problems with the FAA with the agreement because it is a use that is conducive to the airport.

Lastly, the Airport Manager reported that approximately \$640,000.00 of the \$3 million grant has been spent on the Taxiway B project with PAVEX in the past month, and they will be returning in March. He further stated that the City will mobilize McCauley construction to patch up Runway 22 for the time being in order to keep it in working condition.

Orville Wiseman, in answer to a question from a Commissioner, stated that Guardian Air does purchase their fuel from this airport. In addition, Mr. Wiseman requested that an item be added to the next agenda for discussion regarding the wind farm going up in the high air traffic area through the buttes.

### **Report by Airport Engineer**

#### **A. Progress Report – Taxiway B Reconstruction Project**

The Airport Engineer reports that PAVEX is currently on hold for the winter, and should be starting back up in March, weather permitting. He reports that they will start placing the AB and doing the paving on that end that they have open currently, and then they will

move on to the second phase. At the time they stopped the project they were under as far as the budget, and pretty much on schedule. He reports that they wanted to work a little longer, but the cold weather came in and stopped them.

#### **B. Report on the Plan to Repair Runway 4/22**

The Airport Engineer reported that starting as soon as Tuesday, McCauley Construction is scheduled to begin work on Runway 4/22. He stated that there will be a representative from C&S on site, possibly PAVEX as well, and that CMP testing labs will be out there as well. He clarified that CMP labs did the quality control testing for PAVEX when the runway construction was being done. The Engineer stated that the plan is to repair the cracking on the runway on a temporary basis, so that there are no issues on the grade on the runway. He further explained the process for fixing the 'heave' in the runway and once fixed, it will be re-patched with material to hold it until PAVEX can get back on-site with the P-401 asphalt, which is the material the FAA specifies for airport asphalt.

The Engineer further indicated that the Winslow Airport is slated, through ADOT, to receive the "Design Grant" for repairs to runway 11/29, to do some type of pavement rehabilitation on that runway. He further explained that ADOT has reversed their position as to the necessity of runway 11/29, and has agreed to the project for repairs to the runway. He further answered questions from the Commissioners and Wiseman Aviation regarding what is slated for the rehabilitation to the asphalt, whether the base will be included, and the dimensions of the repairs slated.

Lastly, the Engineer informed the Commission Members that when the FAA starts issuing their grants this year, the Winslow Airport is slated to receive a federal grant to complete the Master Drainage Study, airport-wide, so that planning can begin to address the drainage issues that exist.

A discussion took place regarding the condition of the south ramp being pushed out by the FAA because the ramp is 'unused'. It was determined that pictures, when it is used, would be helpful to opening communication regarding the funding for ramp repairs on the failing ramp. *(Commissioner Kenna returned to the conference at this time.)*

The Engineer also offered any help, such as professional graphics, etc., as to the application to have the airport terminal and hangar declared an historical site.

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Coolidge requested that the election of a new chairman for this commission be added to the next agenda for this meeting, as his term was up last December. He then called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Blalock and seconded by Commissioner Kenna to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Coolidge and Commissioners Blalock, Lazzarini, and Kenna voting yes.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary