

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow Airport Commission held on July 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Lazzarini
Commissioner Blalock
Commissioner Coolidge
Commissioner Kenna
Commissioner Patton

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

John Barkley,
Airport Manager
Marie Toliver,
Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lazzarini at 4:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the invocation was given by Commissioner Kenna. Roll was called and all commission members were present.

Approval of Minutes- June 21, 2021

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Coolidge, seconded by Commissioner Kenna, to approve the minutes for June 21, 2021. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Lazzarini and Commissioners Blalock, Coolidge, Kenna and Patton voting yes.

Call to the Public

None.

Report by Wiseman Aviation Which May Include Current Airport Activities and Operational Matters

None.

Report by Airport Manager Which May Include Updated from City Regarding Airport

The Airport Manager referred to comments made by Orville Wiseman at the last meeting regarding a commercial airport in Winslow and discussed those who are passionate about seeing the establishment and success of a commercial operation. There was further discussion regarding FBO operations wherein the Airport Manager stated that the current FBO, Wiseman Aviation has expressed intent to leave Winslow and that both the FAA and the Airport Manager's Association know of fixed base operators from across the state that may be interested in operating the Winslow airport. The Airport Manager noted that the current FBO provides a turn-key operation and has performed very well for the City, but that there is no stipulations provided in the lease for early termination by the "lessee" and we have another year to go with the current lease.

The Airport Manager discussed the limited window to accomplish major projects prior to the weather turning cooler. The Airport Manager also reported that the contractor was advised to stop work on Taxiway B in order for the tankers to have runway access to address the wildfires burning across the area.

Enrique Pacheco from the U.S. Forest Service, Tanker Base reported that the Tanker Base has been temporarily closed since the fire danger appeared to have subsided but indicated that they will be available if needed.

The Airport Manager provided information regarding potential interest from a local citizen to lease the airport restaurant and discussed the proposed plans to serve breakfast and lunch at the airport. There was discussion regarding the importance of the restaurant being opened on the weekends.

Report by Airport Engineer

Lance McIntosh of C&S Engineers provided an update on the Taxiway B project which should be completed within one week from the re-scheduled start date. Mr. McIntosh reported that the FAA has approved 100% funding for a drainage study and the ADOT grant for the design of Runway 11/29 construction has been executed with a 10% match required.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the Airport Manager responded to a question from Commissioner Blalock regarding the Chevlon Wind Farm Project. The project was halted about a year ago, and is now back online. The City will help with the transportation, logistics, and water need during the construction phase.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Coolidge, seconded by Commissioner Kenna, to adjourn at 5:09 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Lazzarini and Commissioners Coolidge, Blalock, Kenna and Patton voting yes.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary