

Airport Committee
Minutes
December 9, 2014

An Airport Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Parma City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Nathan Leigh, Bob Troxel, Hans Gotsch, Marty Gergen of Riedesel Engineering, Bill Statham of the Idaho Transportation Department, Ken Steinhaus

2011 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mayor Leigh told the committee that Ed Johnson, who owns property adjacent to the airport, is willing to deed, sell, or lease the land in order to extend the runway from 2,700 ft to 3200-3500 ft. The Mayor has consulted with Bill Statham about what his vision is for the future of the airport and what moneys might be available to accomplish his goals.

A grant for pavement upgrades has been secured and the work will be completed in 2015. The Cascade Airport had to install all new lighting and they were approached them about obtaining the old fixtures for the Parma Airport. They're in good condition but will need a regulator. The engineer will need to be consulted. As other airports replace their lights, the Committee will approach them about getting additional parts. Ken Steinhaus suggested using the summer kid to assist in installing them.

Mr. Steinhaus reported that the road to the Airport will be torn out and replaced next year. There is plenty of pit run to be used to assist in upgrading the Airport. Crack sealing will be done in early March in order to get it ready for the slurry seal later in the year. This can be used for match in a grant application.

It was suggested that the 2011 Plan as a guide to move forward. Phase 1 included adding various lights and beacons and upgrading the runway and adding taxiways as appropriate. Phase 2 includes installing a fueling station and upgrading the roadway. Phase 3 includes construction of a pilot lounge and restroom facility, acquiring additional land, adding gates with keypad entry, lengthening & widening the runway and extend parallel taxiway.

The Plan is a working document that can be changed and updated as different funding opportunities become available or facilities have advanced deterioration and require an update. Maintaining the existing facilities will be important.

The issue with grant funds and Mr. Johnson's property will be ownership/control. It is likely that the State will require a long-term lease of at least 50 years in order to award funds. Ownership is ideal. The land expands all the way to Champion Produce. The zoning may need to be updated.

Bill Statham stated that last year was the first time that a capital improvement program was submitted. Mr. Steinhaus does monthly inspections. The program was submitted and Mr. Statham had enough money to fund all the requests, including Parma. He needs an application though. He has the paper work that needs to be done with instructions. The City can declare as

much in-kind as required for the match. Many times, in-kind cannot be used for the entire match amount. Mr. Statham must have the application in order to issue the grant funds. The deadline is the end of December. He is willing to assist in any way possible.

The community airports get less money. But there are emergency fund monies up to \$1,999 if necessary. The larger airports receive federal dollars. He also said that funds may be available to purchase the Johnson property outright if he's willing to sell it with the appropriate match from the City. There are about 30 community airports in the state with about 15 active. The Emmett Airport is a good example of what grant funds can help with. The water table there is similar to that in Parma.

The Mayor has looked at other airports in the County and has realized that the growth for airport development is headed this way and wants to be ahead of the game and ready to support the growth when it does come. Mr. Statham pointed out that the Homedale airport attracted one business that was successful and it brought in more businesses that caused it to grow significantly. He warned the City to watch the building restrictions closely so that problems don't crop up in the aftermath that could cause issues with the FAA. The Mayor stated that he will be sure that the Planning & Zoning commission is informed and the zoning is appropriate for the property.

Marty Gergen offered to assist however possible. He said to be sure to get the grants BEFORE doing the work because grant monies will not be issued for work already complete. Mr. Steinhaus will need to keep track of man-hours and materials for the in-kind match.

Bob Troxel asked if it were possible to get a universal faucet for use. The old well that services it needs to be primed. The new line supports a hydrant but cannot be used for anything else at this point.

Mayor Leigh will try to have the application completed and sent before Christmas. He asked Hans to approach Ed Johnson to see what he's willing to do with his property so that the Commission can work towards making whatever arrangements are necessary to move forward.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission will plan to meet again in January around the second or third week with an update on discussions with Mr. Johnson. The Mayor will send emails to the Commission members with the date and time.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.