Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners present: David Brule, Brian Carroll, Peter Golrick, Mike Sokolosky, Rod Herzig,

Keith LaRiviere

Others present: Mickey Longo (Manager), Seth (FC RC Club), Dave (FC RC Club), Josh

Simpson, Brian Smith (Gale), Bruce Bohonowicz (7:07), Malcolm Clark

(7:12)

Motion by Mike to accept the minutes of 3/8, second by Keith, passed 5-0-1 with Brian abstaining. **Motion** by Brian to accept the executive session minutes of 12/21 for content, second by Peter, passed 2-0-4.

Motion by Brian to release the executive session minutes of 12/21 to the public, second by Keith, passed unanimously.

Motion by Mike to accept the Annual Report, second by Keith. Not everyone received this in advance, after a short pause for reading, motion passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

AIP-11 MassDOT is using their \$50,000 to fund portions of AIP-14. AIP-12 has seen some phases shift funding to AIP-14. AIP-14 is shutdown for the winter and awaiting additional archeological work near the trench, windsock, electrical vault and the 34 end of the taxiway; there is a teleconference scheduled for 4/15 between the FAA and the Tribes. There was discussion of timelines and cost escalation. The FAA is looking into the possibility of a special 2010 grant to fund the investigation. There was a discussion of seeding and endangered species.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mickey updated us on the drainage by the 16 end of the taxiway and an update on the noise abatement issue. We discussed the Radio Control (FC RC Club) access, Brian Smith agreed to see if this could be discussed at the 4/15 meeting. A discussion of the security and gates, the GCC "Pathways to Aviation" program, and school field trips was had. The metal shed has been taken down and will be removed. Both Josh and Rod offered to make sure that Mickey had all of the hangar owners e-mail address for contact regarding Airport related issues.

PILOT, USERS, PUBLIC

Josh asked for keys to the Admin Building so that everyone can have access to the bathroom. Josh asked for a rebate on his rent. He claimed that we are 7 to 10 times the rates charged in all of New England; then later claims that we are 6 to 8 times higher. He indicated that he has hired a firm to get the Hangar Owners an abatement on their hangar values. There was a discussion of budget and safety issues regarding the rates charged and that the rates are indexed to the CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. **Motion** by Mike to hold the rate the same as they are for one year, seconded by Keith. There was discussion to clarify the motion to answer how much and effective date, and if it includes the FC RC Club. The motion was calculated to apply to all rents and fees, and is in effect a "moratorium" on increases for one year, and was based on several discussions of how to help the Hangar Owners during this tough economic time, and with the delay in the construction. **Motion passed 5-0-1** with Rod recusing himself.



SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

MassDOT is reviewing the 2001 security directive; may require us to update the Security Plan annually and report any changes back to MassDOT; there may be more guidance to airports for their security plans. Mike felt that given his current situation and the amount of time he is devoting to the Treasurer's position, he could no longer serve well on the Security Sub-committee. Keith and Peter agreed to be on the Security sub-committee to allow Mike to step down.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Each time we discuss rates there seems to be a lot of talk about them without specific facts.

9:25 Motion by Keith to adjourn, second by Rod, passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick
Voted (Aye) (Abstain) at an Airport Commission Meeting on://
(Airport Chair Signature)