

Hermiston Airport Committee

Minutes for October 3rd, 2018

Members Present: Ron Linn, Linda Stark, Dan Burns, Mike Martin

City Representative: Mark Morgan

Airport Caretaker: Susie Rawe

Visitors: April Campbell

Members absent: Ron Osgood

Meeting was called to order by Mike Martin @ 4:00 pm

Minutes: Last month's minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Dan Burns for approval and seconded by Linda Stark, approval was unanimous.

Airport Caretakers report: Susie handed out report for review on fuel prices and fuel amounts sold for the previous month

Financial Report: Mark presented the committee with a written financial report with an explanation. Nothing in the report that showed any concerns at this time and all was about normal for this time of year.

Old Business:

1. Mark presented to the committee a handout which explained the city owned property at the airport and the EOTEC property. That portion of the city owned property was not part of the airport property which was to be solely used for airport purposes.
2. The 25year plan will be discussed with all parties involved in November.
3. Linda Stark discussed with the committee some ideas on what the sign for the airport on highway 395 may look like and shared some pictures. Rolf suggested that the Friends of the Hermiston Airport assist the airport management in moving ahead with a new sign and it's installation. Further discussion will follow on later date.
4. Rolf reported that he had contacted Epic Fuel for a possible fuel truck on the Hermiston Airport. Rich Devin (Devin Oil) has also offered the use of one of his trucks for a possibility but the fuel filter system would have to have some work done to it before the truck could be use. Further discussion will follow at a later meeting as more information is available.
5. The watermelon/open house was a great success, with a great turnout. There were classic cars on display as well as some static displays of local aircraft. Committee discussed ways to get the word out sooner next year.
6. Monthly breakfast provided by Friends of the Hermiston Airport was once again a success with around 49 in attendance. Biscuits and gravy were the main course, replacing pancakes.

New Business:

1. Rolf and Ron (newly selected airport managers) reported that they had attended a function for Col. Cole (a member of Dolittle's Raider's) and that they may be able to get some of his WW II memorabilia brought and used as a centerpiece for a possible museum at the Hermiston Airport.
2. Rolf announced that he will be meeting with the City of Hermiston Parks and Recreation department about a possible small park in the existing tenant yard for future use. Mark Morgan also mentioned the possibility of a small park and walking path area in the narrow strip of land between airport way and the canal.
3. Rolf has contacted the city streets department about getting some painting done as far as parking stripes, handicap signage, and taxiway lines being repainted. Nothing further to report at this time.
4. Rolf reported that Mike Bodi with the City of Hermiston had replaced lights in the bathrooms of the FBO with LED. Mike was also going to check in to the possibility of installing a new vanity in each bathroom, that would allow for some toilet amenities for pilots that may need to freshen up while they are at the airport
5. Rolf asked the city and the committee for permission to paint the interior of the FBO. Committed ok'd to move forward.
6. Linda reported on education outreach of the Hermiston Airport. She has tried to contact Heide Sipe with the Umatilla School District by email with no response at this time. Linda has also contacted Roger Burger from the Hermiston School Dist. about grants to aid students that choose to go into a career of aviation. Ron Linn mentioned he would loan a couple of airplane engines for training purposes in the aviation mechanic field.
7. Rolf is currently working with Hermiston Chamber about helping with a new display on the north wall of the FBO that welcomes pilots to Hermiston
8. Rolf mentioned in the near future that it may be time to start reviewing land leases and hanger agreements to make sure we are competitive for our area with our size of airport. Rolf mentioned that the FAA likes to make sure that airport management is being good stewards of airport properties.

Meeting adjourned: 5:20 pm

Next meeting date: November 7, 2018 @ 4: pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Martin

For Ron Osgood, Secretary