



CITY OF RED BLUFF

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REGULAR AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

- Date of Meeting:** March 11, 2015
Time of Meeting: 5:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
- Commissioners Present:** Chairman Don Ferreira
Vice Chair Robert Moore
Commissioner Tom Wulfert
Commissioner Lynn Chamblin
Commissioner Wanda Schuler
- Commissioners Absent:** None
- Staff Present:** Bruce Henz, Director of Public Works
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

1. Approval of Minutes

Chamblin motioned to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes and Schuler seconded the motion.

AYES: Wulfert, Chamblin, and Schuler

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

ABSTAINED: Fereira and Moore

2. Citizen's Comments

No citizen's comments

3. Current Business

3.1 Fixed Base Operator Report

Tom Jaharis, owner of Cardan Flight Service distributed copies of AirNav fuel prices from airports within a 55 mile radius of Red Bluff. Jaharis said February's fuel sales were up by 250 gallons and with the sunny days, sales should keep rising. Fuel prices were higher as well due to the cost of the fuel deliveries.

Jaharis invited the commission to visit the restaurant and introduce themselves to the new management. He said the service is fast and the food is good. He said the new management is interested to meet the airport commission so the commissioners should identify themselves as such.

Jaharis made an effort to suppress rumors that Cardan is not doing well and explained the rumor probably started because Cardan is up for sale. He said his staff is extremely busy trying to keep up with demand and due to the lack of AP Mechanics he is unable to grow the business.

Commissioner Schuler suggested hiring retired military mechanics and publishing help wanted ads in aviation magazines.

Commissioner Wulfert inquired if the lack of AP mechanics is just a local problem and Jaharis said it was because most new graduates want to work at the large airports.

4. Old Business

4.1 Restaurant

Director Henz distributed copies of the airport restaurant plans and said he is ready to put the project out to bid and hopes the bids that come in are within the budget. He said the plans were basic and there wasn't a budget for some of the fancier options but perhaps the next year's budget might allow for some improvements to the outside area.

Robert Schmid addressed Henz and asked if the upstairs area was included in the budget and Henz stated the budget covers the leaks and Public Works staff would clean it up and prepare it for future use.

Schmid inquired if the plans were the finished plans. Henz stated the plans were finished enough for a contractor to calculate a bid.

Schmid asked if the airport consultant Mead & Hunt has searched for grant money for the renovation of the airport buildings. Henz said he has asked the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about various airport funding and FAA is firm that the only funds available to small airports are for runway rehabilitation projects only.

Commissioner Chamblin expressed her appreciation for Henz's diligence.

COMMENTS

Robert Schmid addressed the commission regarding the profitability of adding new hangars to the airport. He suggested Cardan keep track of all of the phone calls for hangar rentals to establish a need.

Schuler pointed out that the City would have to invest money.

Henz stated it would take a 3rd party to finance it and there was not a lot of land left combined with lack of redevelopment funds.

Audience member Robert Martin addressed the commission and offered information about financing potential hangars.

Commissioner Wulfert inquired about weed abatement and Henz stated he has been discussing an agreement with Tim Arrowsmith to bring the goats back to keep the weeds down.

Chairman Don Ferreira adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Bruce Henz
Public Works Director
Airport Manager