

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority was held December 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Airport Conference Room. Board members present were Karen Stelmak, Ted Mathis, Kevin Kelleher, and Carl Lehrkind. Also present were Brian Sprenger, Airport Director, Scott Humphrey, Deputy Airport Director, Troy Watling, Assistant Director - Finance, and Shannon Rocha, Recorder.

Karen Stelmak, Acting Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority Board.

1. Review and approve minutes of regular meeting held November 12, 2020

Ms. Stelmak asked if everyone had received their copy of the minutes and if they had any corrections or additions. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. Mathis moved approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2020. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion and all board members voted aye. The motion carried.

2. Public Comment Period

Lee Gaub connected virtually via Zoom. Mr. Gaub provided his address in The Outlaw Subdivision off Nelson Road. He expressed concern over the flight school aircraft repetitively flying near his property and the nuisance of the noise associated with it. He has talked to some of his neighbors. One neighbor says the aircraft vibrates his house. The subdivision board chair is aware of the issue. Mr. Gaub said he does not know if there is anything that can be done. The flights can start early and go into the evening and even night sometimes. He wanted to raise this as a noise abatement request. Mr. Gaub said the second runway

changed the whole dynamic. He does not recall an explanation to the public regarding the effect of the second runway.

Mr. Sprenger said he and Mr. Gaub spoke last spring. Mr. Sprenger said he can talk with the control tower. They are responsible for the safe movement of aircraft. There may be minor adjustments they can make.

Ms. Stelmak said Mr. Sprenger will talk with the tower and get back with more info and thanked Mr. Gaub for his comments.

3. Consider request by Joshua Jones and Aaron Aafedt to revise constructing two 70' x 70' non-commercial hangars into one 160' x 74' non-commercial hangar on taxilane "SY"

Mr. Sprenger said they have worked together to accommodate a wider wingspan. The revised hangar works well in this location and staff recommends approval of the request.

Mr. Mathis asked if the height would change. Mr. Sprenger said he did not know.

MOTION: Mr. Kelleher moved to approve the request by Joshua Jones and Aaron Aafedt to revise constructing two 70' x 70' non-commercial hangars into one 160' x 74' non-commercial hangar on taxilane "SY". Mr. Lehrkind seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Report on passenger boardings and flight operations – Scott Humphrey

Mr. Humphrey said tower operations for October were up 12.9% at 7,961 versus 7,053 operations. Rolling 12-month operations were 103,213 operations. Corporate landings were up 46.2% at 272 versus 186 landings. Total revenue enplanements were 26,101 which is 63% of last year. For 12 months we are at 475,417 enplanements. Total deplanements were 59.4% of last year at 24,098. Airline landings were up 11.4% at 569 versus 511 and down 13.7% year

to date. October's fuel dispensed was down 6.7% but Avgas and non-Jet A was up significantly.

With the change in MSU's schedule and no snow, the numbers for December are low. We may make 60% for the month, but with the lockdowns and added restrictions around the country, December will be lower than expected. Big Sky is fully booked for the Christmas holiday. American starts Charlotte and Chicago service December 17. JetBlue comes back with LAX, JFK, Ft. Lauderdale, and Boston on December 18. Newark returns in December also. Delta will bring back Atlanta and LAX on December 19.

5. Airport Director's Report – Brian Sprenger

Mr. Sprenger said the November rental car revenue was 115% of last year. Transaction days were 102%. We are still seeing inbound leisure traffic heavier than the outbound local traffic. The parking lot was at 47% of last year. That is the best performance we have seen recently. There is good revenue on the General Aviation side. We are up on landing fees since we have more landings than last year.

We have received about a third of the \$15 million CARES grant. It is not included in our operational cash flow. We still have positive cash flow without the grant. Congress is still going back and forth on additional COVID-19 relief. The current proposal for airports is about \$4 billion. There are other portions for the airlines and concessionaires at airports as well.

After today's meeting we have the Bridger Aerospace tour.

Mr. Kelleher asked about the load factor. Mr. Sprenger said we are up in seats for December prior to seating caps established by the airlines. We are looking at probably a 45-50% load factor by the end of the month. Ms. Stelmak asked if Delta was the only carrier with

the middle seat blocked. Mr. Sprenger said the only other still blocking middle seats is Alaska. American has seen the best recovery performance in our area. American is only down 9% for the year because they are willing to sell those seats.

6. Consider bills and approve for payment

The bills were reviewed and detailed by Mr. Sprenger.

MOTION: Mr. Mathis moved to pay the bills and Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion.

All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Kendall Switzer, Board Chairman