

Minutes for the Montana Airport Management Association

Fall MAMA/ADO Meeting

Online Zoom Meeting

October 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – 2:08 p.m.

MAMA President Brian Ellestad called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -2:10 p.m.

Chris Jensen moved to approve the minutes; Scott Bell seconded. The minutes were approved as presented

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 2:14 p.m.

Ian McKay presented current year to date financials to the membership.

Checking: \$2,016.70

Savings: \$0.00

Money Market: \$53,947.67

Total Assets: \$55,964.37

UPDATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNS – 2:16 p.m.

Shane Ketterling updated the membership on the internship program. Jeff Kadlec provided an overview of his previous intern. One grant was awarded but none were accepted this year.

CY2021 BUDGET APPROVAL – 2:19 p.m.

Brian Ellestad presented the budget for approval. Shane Ketterling motioned to approve with John Faulkner as a second. They CY2021 was approved as presented.

2021 OFFICER ELECTIONS – 2:22 p.m.

Brian Ellestad nominated the following individuals for officer elections:

- Jeff Kadlec – President
- Shane Ketterling – Vice President
- Ian McKay – Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Ploehn motioned to approve officers with Scott Bell as a second. Nominees were approved as MAMA officers as presented.

2021 LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION – 2:25 p.m.

- Mark Mairele briefs the membership on the lack of an exemption to airports regarding subdivision regulations where the Montana DEQ review process is concerned. Back in the early 90's MAMA had supported changing state legislation to exempt airports from local subdivision review processes; however, a loophole remains allowing the DEQ to continue reviewing subdivisions at airports. Mark proposes that closing this loophole be a legislative action that MAMA should address. Ian expressed similar concerns based on Mark's comments.
- Ian McKay revisits the discussion regarding amending current liquor license law to allow concessionaires to utilize an airport's license anywhere on airport property rather than just within the terminal building.
- Mark Mairele shared his thoughts on another state policy related to development. Brian inquired whether the addition of items we request our lobbyist to tackle with impact the cost or if we pay on a lump sum basis. It's speculated that the addition of items would increase the price.
- The fuel tax was brought up with no comments from the membership.

AIRLINE RENDEZVOUS – 2:42 p.m.

John Faulkner provided a brief updated to the membership. The next step is to get updated contacts for the airlines as many positions have changed since the outbreak of COVID-19. The current tentative venue is the Spring Hill Suites in Great Falls. John will send out a save-the-date.

TSA EMPLOYEE SCREENING – 2:45 p.m.

Lynn, legal counsel representing MSO advises that the new employee screening policy mandated by TSA may violate the Montana Constitution. She requests that Montana airports provide comments opposing this change.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – 3:00 p.m.

A round table discussion was not held with the membership airports providing updates on their various ongoing projects and business dealings.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The February state aviation conference has been cancelled and the next MAMA meeting may be held virtually.

Brian expresses thanks to the membership for his time as President.

ADJOURNED – 3:10 p.m.

MAMA President Brian Ellestad adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.