

Minutes for the Montana Airport Management Association

Annual Meeting

Billings, Montana

March 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 3:30 p.m.

MAMA President Ian McKay called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS -3:30 p.m.

- Ian McKay, President
- Shane Ketterling, Vice President
- Ross Marty, Secretary/Treasurer
- Lucas Locke, GA Officer
- Heather Mosser, Corporate Officer
- Tim Damrow - Small Hub Officer

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -3:32 p.m.

Brian Sprenger moved to approve the minutes; Brian Ellestad seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE – 3:33 p.m.

None

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 3:33 p.m.

Ross Marty presented FY2022 Year-End financials to the membership.

Ended FY2022 with positive cash flow of \$1,467.61 attributed to marginally higher than anticipated revenues alongside only offering one internship as opposed to two. For FY2023 anticipating expenses exceeding revenues by \$2,890.00 due to Legislative Services being required.

Account Balances at Year-End

Checking: \$3717.50

Savings: \$0.00

Money Market: \$42,188.49

Total Assets: \$45,905.99

Jeff Kadlec moved to approve the budget; Lucas Locke seconded. The budget was approved as presented.

2021 LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION – 3:36 p.m.

Tom Ebzery reports the following:

- The legislative session is currently ongoing, with over 4,000 bill requests
- SB263 & SB264 were drafted by Senator Regier of Kalispell and were assigned to the State Business & Labor Committee
- SB263 is a bill moving Airport Authority's ability to lease commercial land from 40 to 50 years – no opposition to the bill and moved out of committee. Passed Senate and transmit to House.
- SB264 is a bill to allow Airport Authorities the right to lease their all-beverage liquor license to three entities instead of the current one. Also allows Airports with 5,000 enplanements to qualify for an all beverage license, reduced from 20,000 as current law states. An amendment to this bill was included to transfer liability for misuse of liquor licenses from the Airports to the leasing/operating entity – no opposition to the bill and moved out of committee. Passed Senate and transmit to House.
- HB319 is a bill to allow Airport Authorities the option to permit their ARFF responders into the FURS (Firefighters Unified Retirement System.) Bill was tabled in Committee.

FAA UPDATE – STEVE ENGBRECHT – 3:56 p.m.

Steve updated the membership that Chuck Garrison is no longer at the Helena ADO as he has been promoted to the Division Director for the Northwest Region. Two projects (WYS Terminal and a project in BOI) have already been awarded discretionary funds – getting into busy grant programming season.

TSA EMPLOYEE SCREENING ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION – 4:04 p.m.

Ian McKay updated the membership and provided historical background for TSA's "proposed amendment for the screening of aviation workers," as industry discussion suggests that TSA is looking to institute soon. Shane Ketterling updated that BIL had recently met with TSA FSD and AFSD to discuss and that TSA did not have any update currently. TSA stated they will be going back to Headquarters to try to garner more information and will update as they receive it.

Ian McKay also stipulated that they are tracking other regulatory requirements such as TSA's Cybersecurity Response Plan as well as FAA's newly published SMS requirements for Airports that will affect a number of the membership. Tim Damrow mentioned that MSO has progress on a working draft and will share it and any information with the membership body as they continue to work through the process.

MAMA MISSION AND BYLAWS DISCUSSION – 4:15 p.m.

Ian McKay queried the membership on desire to review and update the MAMA bylaws to narrow the scope and create standardization across the document. General consensus was to do so with Ian providing updates as he prepares and works through drafting.

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION – 4:20

- MSO – still working through Terminal construction project; started on phase 2 of the project – anticipating 2024 or 2025 completion with busy summer schedule ahead
- Cut Bank – recently finished asphalt resurfacing project on the Airfield. Will be holding an aerobatic competition and fun weekend this summer.
- BIL
 - o Jeff Roach introduced himself as new Director of Aviation and Transit at BIL. Jeff has over 40 years in the Aviation industry comprised of Military flying, airport management in deployed areas and civilian airport management.
 - o BIL is holding an Air-Show on August 12-13 with the Blue Angels.
 - o Two large airfield projects (Terminal Ramp & Interior service roads)
 - o Terminal expansion continues as A concourse has wrapped up with work continuing on B concourse
- BZN
 - o Taxilanes in the southeast hangar area to complete development of the area
 - o Work continues on baggage delivery system project
 - o Working on next terminal project – 300,000 square feet of building/renovation – targeting end of 2020's before three phase project completion
- BTM

- Working through two airfield projects – taxilane reconstruction to occur this year and an airfield lighting project
- Currently working on a terminal ramp renovation project
- Lewistown – has one big taxiway project underway this summer. Also was designated as Montana’s WWII City based on the B17 history at the Airport
- WYS
 - Terminal project is back on track with site work to resume in April. Projected opening in 2025
 - FBO looking to build second large jet hangar
 - Winter operations study with Morrison-Maierle currently ongoing
- HLN
 - Master Plan Update
 - Internal service road pavement rehabilitation
 - Terminal service road rehabilitation
 - Taxilane paving in Southeast hangar area
- Townsend – Dwight Thompson new Airport Manager introduced himself. Townsend is working on a resurfacing project and looking at land procurement as well
- GPI
 - Terminal work continues and is around the half-way mark
 - Apron expansion work
 - Snow Removal Equipment Procurement
 - Land side development work ongoing

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4:33 p.m.

None

ADJOURNED – 4:35 p.m.

MAMA President Ian McKay adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.