

MINUTES
REEDLEY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, June 17, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Reedley Airport Commission was held at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, California and called to order by Vice Chairperson David Richey at 5:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- A. Commissioners Present: David Richey, Vice Chairperson; Ed Peters; Ray Remy; Les Travioli.
- B. Commissioners Absent: Excused - Robert Harris, Chairperson.
- C. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Airport Manager; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
- D. Others present: Fred Neal.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Commissioner Remy seconded by Commissioner Travioli to approve the May 20, 2010 Airport Commission minutes. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. None.

5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Joel Glick
 - 1) Small sprayers and Roundup have been purchased to use on the tarmac.
 - 2) A letter was sent to Peter Hong with the FAA informing him that the contract for the Taxiway Project was awarded.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Taxiway Project Update – Encouraged the Commission to attend the June 22, 2010 City Council meeting where the Taxiway Project and funding will be reviewed by City Council. He indicated that \$30,000 - \$40,000 will be paid for out of the City's pocket. After Council approves it, it goes to Peter Hong. C&S Companies, our consultant, will take charge with the contractor.
- B. Park Development Update – The park has been hydroseeded and 5 trees were planted. 3 more trees will be planted after the heat of summer has passed. There is one strip of asphalt left. The sprinklers are working great. Some of the damaged picnic tables can be repaired with lumber that the City can purchase. There was some discussion about why there is no outside access to the park area. As the airport needs to be a secure facility, there can be no outside access. In addition, it was built to be used by pilots and their families. It was suggested that we promote the park to other airports. Joel suggested the only amenities needed are more picnic tables and a large, built in barbecue. A 55 gallon drum smoker was talked about. Fred Neal said he could get the barrels and even volunteered to cook the meat.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Summer Hiatus – Joel reported that as a means to cut back on our workload, we reduce the number of Commission meetings to once every two months – possibly in odd months. Staff suggested that we could keep the Commissioners and pilots informed of project progress and other airport news by sending out email updates and posting one at the airport. Motion by Commissioner Remy, seconded by Commissioner Peters to not meet in July, but meet again in August to start planning the Airport Barbecue.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Joel Glick, Airport Manager

- 1) He is working on a spray rig with the Parks Division to be used at the airport. The use of Roundup and pre-emergent was questioned. Some of the weeds – Mare's Tail – will not be killed with Roundup. As several of the Commissioners have experience with weed spraying, several suggestions were made – Use Rely to kill Mare's Tail; don't use pre-emergent unless rain is coming to water it into the ground, and there are some mixes of several chemicals and substances that will do a better job of killing the weeds. Commissioner Remy volunteered to meet with our Parks Division Supervisor to come up with the best mix.
- 2) Staff was interviewed by Lorie Ham of the new online magazine, Kings River Life. She asked about what is currently going on at the airport and what is in the plans. The magazine can be accessed at: www.kingsriverlife.com.
- 3) Joel reported that Gilbert Betancourt will continue to work for the City until October, when he will retire.

9. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Commissioner Richey

- 1) Reported that he talked to an individual that rents a hangar at the airport. He is concerned that the city has access to his hangar without his knowledge or permission. Joel indicated that the City regularly allows access to the hangars for pest control. It appears this individual has had some financial issues and was worried that the City would allow anyone into his hangar. Joel assured him we would only do that if legally required.
- 2) Asked how many email addresses we have received – Denise reported only 3 have been turned in to her.

B. Commissioner Peters – Suggested discing, smoothing and then spraying with a sterilizer to keep the weeds from growing back for several years. Although this is expensive, it would solve the issue of less manpower, as well as taking care of the weeds.

C. Fred Neal

- 1) Commended Commissioner Richey for organizing the Reedley College students who worked on the park project.
- 2) Reported that Carl Smith is currently taking care of the smaller park area with his own equipment, but he may need someone else to mow the larger area as his equipment has seen better days.

D. BMX Track – This has been put on hold as there is no money to relocate it at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, it was moved by Commissioner Remy, seconded by Commissioner Peters to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

David Richey, Vice Chairperson

Joel Glick, Airport Manager

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant