

The Brookings Airport Board was called to order by Brian VanLiere on Thursday July 16, 2020 at 3:30 PM in Community Room # 300 located on the third floor of the City & County Government Center at 520 3rd Street. Members present were Judy McLaughlin, Lynn Riedesel, Orv Smidt and VanLiere. Present via telephone was Brady Klocker. Also present were Airport Manager Matthew Sommerfeld, Airport Maintenance Technician Lucas Dahl, City Engineer Jackie Lanning, Mike Schmit from Helms, Paul Hanusa from Pheasants Fury, and Chris Funk from SDSU.

Item #2 – (Riedesel/Smidt) Motion to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item #3 – (VanLiere/Klocker) Motion to approve the June 18, 2020 meeting minutes. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item #4 – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:30pm in the City & County Government Center at 520 3rd Street.

Item #5 – Helms Update – Schmit updated everyone on the current construction projects. The Apron/Taxilane project is currently about 2 weeks behind due to some unexpected work with some sanitary sewer and unsuitable ground in the area. They anticipate paving will start within a week with asphalt at the end of July. Phase 2 will require some shutdown of the taxilane but this will be communicated, probably a couple of weeks in advance. This shutdown may last 3 to 4 weeks.

The Hangar Taxilane Reconstruction grant is signed and ready. They may be able to start some work in a week.

Item #6 Airport Manager's Report – Sommerfeld provided a report showing activity at the airport. Flying operations have increased in addition the fuel and AvGas sales have increased. Sommerfeld would like SDSU to submit their numbers also to be included in this report. Funk thought that this could be possible.

American Fence will be here to repair the fence from the storm damage in the Spring of 2019. The ground is now dry enough to allow them access.

Sommerfeld wondered if the board would be interested in assisting with the rewrite of the lease agreements. The Airport Operations Committee hasn't been able to meet and he would like to move forward and have a new lease ready

before January 1, 2021. Board members agreed that this could be discussed during the board meetings.

Items #7 FBO Report – Hanusa stated that the FBO hours are still shortened, but business is picking up. If anyone is needing Paul's assistance, he would be willing to come in, he just needs a call.

Hanusa wondered about access to fuel during Phase 2. Schmit said that they would plan to keep some sort of access open.

Items #8 SDSU Report – Funk reported that the students are flying again. COVID plans have been implemented and they plan to start school as normal in August.

Items #9 Other Items & Reports – None.

The meeting was adjourned.


Lana Schwartz, Secretary


Brian VanLiere, Chairperson