

**MENA INTERMOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**  
**Monthly Airport Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**1. Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillip Wilson.

**2. Attendees:**

The following person were in attendance:

Phillip Wilson, Phillip Hensley, Jeff Montgomery, Andy Anderson, Rodger Crider, Duane Corcoran, Nancy Wright, Danny Thraikill, Greg Shipley and press from the Pulse and Star.

**3. Minutes:**

The March minutes were emailed to all commission members before the meeting. The March minutes were approved by a motion made by Rodger Crider and a seconded by Phillip Hensley. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Financials:**

The March and April financial reports were emailed prior to the meeting. The March financial reports were approved by a motion made by Phillip Hensley and a seconded by Jeff Montgomery. The motion was approved unanimously. The April financial reports were approved by a motion made by Duane Corcoran and seconded by Nancy Wright. The motion was approved unanimously.

**5. Airport Mangers Report:**

Danny Thraikill reported that the airport operators were busy and several have expansion plans. He further reported the airport hosted C130 operations by the Air Force on March 31<sup>st</sup> and a fire disaster drill was conducted by the local fire departments on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The drill prepared the fire flights for several emergency scenarios.

**6. Old Business:**

A motion was made by Phillip Hensley and seconded by Jeff Montgomery to amend the agenda to take up the hiring of an airport manager as the commissions first order of business. The motion was passed unanimously. Phillip Wilson reported that 3 candidates were interviewed by the full commission in executive session prior to the meeting and that while all candidates exhibited good qualifications the recommendation was to hire Fred Ogden. A motion to hire Fred Ogden was made by Jeff Montgomery and seconded by Duane Corcoran. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Phillip Wilson requested Danny Thraikill to work out further details with Fred Ogden and embody the agreement into a writing to be signed by the chairman and Fred Ogden. Danny Thraikill so agreed. Chairman Phillip Wilson stated that he would contact all of the candidates and relay the commissions decision.

Greg Shipley gave the commission an update on the airport's master plan. In order to solve the line of sight problem and satisfy the FAA for further funding Mr. Shipley recommended that the airport commission agree to shorten the west end of Runway 9-27 approximately 490 feet by chevron striping that area of the runway. The commission discussed the recommendation at length and a motion to accept the recommendation was made by Duane Corcoran and seconded by Phillip Hensley. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Shipley was task with advising the

FAA of the commissions position.

**7. New Business:**

Leanne Pounds State Auditor has offered to undertake the annual airport audit at no charge to the airport after discussion a motion was made by Phillip Hensley and seconded by Nancy Wright to have the state conduct the annual audit for the airport. The motion was approved unanimously. This will save approximately \$8,000.00 annually.

Mountain Airframe LLC and Hampton Aviation approached the commission regarding Mountain Airframe terminating their lease and having Hampton Aviation assume it. The purpose if for both entities to have facilities that are more appropriate for their business size. It was disclosed that the airport owned hanger needs significant repairs to the structure and electrical system. Chairman Phillip Wilson appointed a committee of Jeff Montgomery, Duane Corcoran and Rodger Crider to review and investigate the situation and make recommendations to the full commission at the next meeting.

**8. Public Comments and Concerns:**

None

**9. Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Phillip Hensley and a seconded by Jeff Montgomery. Next scheduled meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at 3PM.

Minutes were submitted by:

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Phillip Wilson, Chairman

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Andy Anderson, Secretary