

# **BRIGHAM CITY CORPORATION**

## **AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**FOR *Wednesday, February 01, 2017***

Present: Gary Bywater, Chair  
Jeff Baugh, Vice Chair  
Ben Jones, Board Member  
Fred Kluss, Board Member  
Boyd Young, Board Member  
Dave Erickson, Aerobatic Pilot  
Brad Worsten, Aerobatic Pilot

City Staff: Tom Peterson, Council Member  
Tyler Pugsley, Public Works Director  
Jolene Crockett, Administrative Assistant  
Jeffrey Hogan, Aviation

Excused: Jan Ashdown, Board Member

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2016 made by Jeffrey Baugh, Second Boyd Young, motion passed unanimously

### **AEROBATIC BOX**

Director Pugsley introduced Mr. Erickson so he could explain to the group his request. Mr. Erickson stated his group was hoping to set up an aerobatic box for 2 years, 24 months. Mr. Erickson shared a video showing aerobatic flying during a show in Twin Falls, Idaho. He said we do this to promote aviation interest. He explained an environmental impact document, which is a form 7711 must be submitted. One of the main questions is, is there any public comments on this? Has anyone ever complained about air quality or noise? This also provides the Airport Advisory Board time to discuss this request. His hope is that they will find an aerobatic box is good for the airport.

Mr. Erickson said they were there to promote aviation. They get a lot of attention and possibly someone will be interested in coming out to the airport when they see them flying. Director Pugsley said they have had two temporary aerobatic boxes set up. Mr. Erickson stated yes, they were for 10 days. We have to qualify every year to fly airshows. The FAA is not involved in their qualifications. He explained the FAA turned the safety program over to them and when that happened, they went from nineteen deaths to two. As air show performers, we are all about safety. We study how to improve the safety every time for everyone. Without an aerobatic box we fly in rural areas, i.e., over farms. We have to be 4 miles away from a federal airway and above 1500 feet. We are not allowed to be above any open assemblies of people or houses. The box is from the surface to 3000 feet.

Mr. Erickson said this is the request and he will handle all the paperwork. Following the submission of the document, an environmental assessment will begin. This will assess if there are any problems with noise or air quality. He asked the group if they noticed any of this when they have been flying. Board member Young stated, no. He said he had been out and watched a couple of times and really enjoyed it. Chairman Bywater said they had the Hill show and he did not hear any noise in the City limits that were objectionable to him.

Mr. Erickson said, typically what they do is post a NOTAM. We do not close the airport as we are not over the runway but off to the side. We can do a “knock it off” if someone is taking off or landing. We have no problems when people want to take off or land.

Director Pugsley stated the box is not on Brigham City’s property; it is Kim Fuller’s property and he would want Mr. Erickson to contact him before anything was approved. He sells hunting permits and runs cattle on his property. Mr. Erickson said he would be glad to take that action and get back to Director Pugsley. Chairman Bywater stated although he believes that this is a neighborly thing to do he does not know if it is necessary. Director Pugsley stated where they are closer to the ground and the noise these planes make, may disturb the livestock present and if he sold permits for people to hunt it might disturb the hunters. There is quite a bit of waterfowl. Director Pugsley stated he handles the hazing at the airport property and they move to Fuller’s property when he hazes. He believes it is best to contact the property owner.

Chairman Bywater asked what the anticipation of frequency was. Mr. Erickson stated about 12 times per month. Mr. Erickson and his group reviewed when they would be flying. Chairman Bywater asked what they anticipated the flight time to be. Mr. Erickson said the NOTAM would state ½ hour to 1 hour. Board member Young asked how much notice they have to provide to get the NOTAM activated. Mr. Erickson said they prefer 2 hours but he usually does it the night before. If you check NOTAMS in the morning, you will see when they are going to fly.

Chairman Bywater stated so your anticipation is coming from outside of Brigham City, come over and do maneuvers without landing or would you land first. Mr. Erickson said sometimes we may land to get fuel but sometimes we will text Wayne Larsen asking if he will be around and he is good to come out and spot for us.

Chairman Bywater asked if there were any other comments or thoughts. Mr. Erickson said this is a long process. If we put in the paperwork today, we would not hear back for about three months. Board member Young stated that we have had a temporary box out there, although he is not aware of the time or duration of the box, but there has not been an issue. He does not anticipate any issues and he recognizes that accidents happen.

Motion was made by Boyd Young to approve the aerobatic box, as long as they speak to the landowner where the box will be placed and that there are no issues, the Board should approve, second Jeff Baugh, motion passed unanimously.

**PROJECT UPDATE – Jviation** (see-attached pdf of presentation)

Mr. Hogan stated that this project bid opening was on January 12, 2017 and we received six (6) bids. They ranged from \$266,000 to \$480,000. The engineer estimate was \$276,000 and the apparent low bidder is Top Job from Logan. Mr. Hogan said, they have experience with airfields and have worked in Wyoming. He said Top Jobs has been bidding quite a few jobs across the state.

Chairman Bywater asked why there was such a difference in pricing. Mr. Hogan stated experience level, access of equipment, current workload and mobilization costs. Director Pugsley stated when a contractor already has many jobs scheduled they may not sharpen their pencils as much.

Board member Young asked Mr. Hogan if he had observed any of Top Jobs work, and whether it was acceptable. Mr. Hogan stated that he was talking to Director Pugsley today about this. He stated Jviation would make sure it is acceptable; they have done work on other airfields, which has been acceptable. We have specifications, which are ironclad, and we will be onsite. We will work with them to make certain the airport gets a good product. Mr. Hogan said All Star Stripping who just painted the runway 1735 at Salt Lake International Airport would do the stripping. They are a good company.

A review and discussion of airport projects followed (see attached pdf of presentation).

Director Pugsley stated that the board previously approved this when we presented the airport projects. Unless we have major issues and concerns with this, he supports the presentation of projects. Chairman Bywater asked if there were any objections from the board as to why we should not go ahead as proposed. Board member Young stated if this is use or lose money, and can we do it as outlined; we should go ahead and do it. Chairman Bywater asked Director Pugsley if they were looking for a concurrence from the Board. Director Pugsley stated, yes.

Motion was made by Boyd Young that we carry on as originally planned, second by Jeff Baugh, motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER:**

**AWOS:**

Director Pugsley stated when anyone gets on the AWOS they hear "ceiling missing." He said there is some faulty equipment. Utah Division of Aeronautics has ordered a new \$25,000 part. They are waiting to get an install date. This installation will update some of the existing equipment. Director Pugsley said the weather has prevented them from moving forward. He spoke with Pat Morley, at the Division of Aeronautics last month and he said they have it ordered and scheduled for repair. Director Pugsley will contact Mr. Morley to obtain an update.

Chairman Bywater welcomed Councilmember Peterson and asked if he had anything to say to the Board. Councilmember Peterson stated no, but appreciates the board members time and effort they put into the airport.