

MINUTES
REEDLEY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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 Carl Smith at 4:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
 - A. Commissioners Present: Carl Smith, Chairperson; Butch Agrifoglio; Vice Chairperson; Anthony Jewell (calling in), Matt Cochran,
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Joseph Oldham
 - C. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Airport Manager; Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant
 - D. Others Present: None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jewell to approve the February 16, 2023 Airport Commission minutes. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None**
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Airport BBQ**– Staff will begin to work on the donation’s letters, getting those mailed out to previous supporters. Commissioner Cochran will reach out to Jason Boyer from Reedley College to see if he is interested in being the 2023 guest speaker. As a backup Reid stated in the past there has been talk about Sean Bautista son. Reid will reach out to Joseph Oldham to see if he knows anyone that may be interested in pilots for the free airplane rides. Commissioner Agrifoglio will also reach out to an individual he knows to possibly be a guest speaker. Commissioner Smith with ask Regier if he is interested in displaying something. Reid stated she will reach out to John Johnson from Reedley College to see if they will be willing to put the college jet out to display, as well as their college planes, and their flight simulator. Commissioner Smith suggested having a section for RC, Reid will reach out to Erik LaCour. Commissioner Cochran will reach out to Matt Tuttle, who has a connection with someone from Lemoore. Commissioner Agrifoglio will reach out to someone from the Sheriffs Department to see if they are interested in bringing in a helicopter to display.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Airport Cleanup Day**- Reid stated once a year there is an annual clean up day. Reid spoke to Erik LaCour, who can do April 29, or May 6. Reid spoke to Paul Huebert, who is going to do discing the last week of April. Reid will reach out to Erik Valencia to see if the jr. board is available. Reid will move forward with April 29 from 8:00-11:00am, for the annual clean up. Commissioner Jewell will reach out to Joseph Woodley to see if anyone from the college can come out to help.
 - B. **BMX Request** – Reid added an item to the agenda, BMX request. Reid stated BMX approached the City and asked if the City would consider extending their footprint a little further. Last year they expanded 50 feet for additional parking and for the strider track. Now BMX is asking for an additional 100 feet to the north end, for additional parking and more spectator area. Commissioner Jewell does not see a problem. Reid asked when does it get to a point where we are in flight patterns, and safety zones? Commissioner Smith stated the request doesn’t put BMX in any area of

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concern. Commissioner Cochran made motion to extend the BMX track 100 feet to the north end, this was second by Commissioner Agrifoglio. Motion carried. Commissioner Jewell stated anything the City can do to support the BMX program is wonderful. Reid stated Community Development will take this item to the Planning Commission in May. This will then go to City Council on June 13. At that point the agreement will be amended to capture the extra land, as well as revise BMX rent. 30 days later BMX can begin to move dirt sometime in July. Reid met with Community Development Director and the airport parcel has not been designated for a zone, so this time around the airport will be designated for a zone. The FAA has made it clear that the request can be discontinued at any time and at that point BMX must pay fair market value. Commissioner Jewell will reach out to Mr. Hanson to inform him BMX will be expanding their grounds.

7. **AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT**

Airport Manager Update- Reid shared with the Commission the tenant notices for the RC event went out this month. They were also posted at the airport, this information was in the airport newsletter as well as sent to Ito, Regier and McElhoe.

Reid shared with the Commission she received a call from Les Travioli stating he is opposed to the RC event. Travioli mentioned he spoke to Erik LaCour last year about looking at Sequoia Field in Tulare County and moving the event to this location which wouldn't interfere with an active airport. Travioli feels the NOTAM handcuffs tenants to not fly when they please. Travioli wishes the RC event would be moved to a different location.

- A. Capital Improvements – Fuel Farm is moving forward
- B. Weed Control – Maintenance is working on it. Mowing will begin.
- C. Landscaping/Parking – None
- D. Public Relations/Airport Promotion – The newsletter was sent out, and posted.
- E. BMX Track – Asking for 100 feet to the north end
- F. Hangar Vacancies – None
- G. Electric Planes/Charging Station – None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, it was moved by Commissioner Cochran, seconded by Commissioner Jewell to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Carl Smith, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Airport Manager

Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant