Hurricane City Municipal Airport
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
June 21st, 2022

Present: Art Granger, Mike Vercimak, Dave Houston, Norm Anderson, Scott Freeman, Laron Hall, Doug Heideman, Cathy Clark, Nanette Billings, Kendra Rich.

Guests: Lauren Burton, Mike Burton, Jason Ballard, Pat Anderson, Stephen Lemmon, Rich Rathke, Brain Gerael, Travis Peatross, Ryan Reeve, Jason Campbell, Mckae Ballard, Ralph Ballard, Mickey Reese, Biur Johnson, Steven Cox, Kate Wadsworth, Robert Hall.

Item #1 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer

Chairman Art Granger called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Mike Vercimak led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ralf Ballard offered the prayer.

Item #2 Review Minutes of March 15 and May 17, 2022

Laron Hall motioned to approve the minutes. Scott Freeman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Motive Aero review for approval to get business license – Art Granger

Art Granger introduced Mike with Motive Aero and asked to hear more about their business.

Mike Butler with Motive Aero said they have been operating at various locations including Nephi, California and now Hurricane. It will be parts, service, and education for Rotax Motors. They are planning on expanding in St. George and when they do, they will keep Hurricane for service and move the education and parts, main offices, and showroom to St George. Said he was very grateful for the support he has seen from the Hurricane Airport. Mentioned he was in 6S and it was one of the larger hangers and it would provide perfectly. Said he does sales and parts as well as services. He does get people fly in for service and get deliveries of engines that need worked on as well. Planning on employing Art Granger as mechanic and may need a test pilot later.

Art Granger mentioned before they moved on that Scott Freeman is there as a member of the airport board and was going to resign but they convinced him to stay.

Item #4 Discussion and recommendation to City Council regarding proposed amendments to the City ordinances governing the Airport Authority Board – Mayor Billings

The board has been made up was Mayor, City council member, Staff Member, Airport Board Manager. In the ordinance it states that they are not board members to be voting. The airport board is an advisory board so a group of citizens that will advise the council what the council should be doing. Mayor Billings asks Attorney Dayton Hall to take a minute and go over the changes he has made.

Dayton moves to section 2-1-3 it says that there can be 3 to 7 board members and it was changed to say there are 7 board members. As the ordinance has existed it says that the Airport Manager and the City Council member are members, but they are not voting members. No change will be made to that. The staff person on the board can be a voting member of the board. We are needing to figure out who is on the board so we can be sure who should be voting and who shouldn't be.

Proposed changing the term of board member from 5 years to 4 years. An aviation background has been required but they are proposing to change that to be either a resident of the city or you have a contractual right to be on the Airport board.

Long conversation between board members and those in the audience on who should be eligible for the board and who shouldn't be according to residency and lease terms.
Dayton clarified that whatever they want to recommend to the city council they can do, they just need to find a spokes person and have them present it at city council.

Norm makes a motion that we leave the aviation experience in the board
Laron seconded the motion.
Art makes a motion to adopt new changes and continue to next meeting.
Laron seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Item #5 Discuss Airport Board Appointments – Mayor Billings

Mayor Billings has talked to a lot of citizens on the board and not on the board about their interest in being on the airport board. She mentions that it doesn't seem necessary that staff is considered part of the board because the Mayor and Council already takes staff recommendations into consideration. She has a list of people who might want to be on the board. Laron, Art, Scott, Brett Poulson, Jim Lemmon, Jason Campbell, Jason Ballard, Stewart Stout, Kathy Clark, Kate Wadsworth and Mike Vercimak.
Dave says he would like to add Steve Isom to that list because he has expressed interest in being involved. He is not an aviator but just a citizen.
Art says that Steve Cox would also like to be considered.

Ralf says that they encourage retired aviators into the board and that they have so much more knowledge than the normal citizen that has no aviation background. There are so many genius people that are aviators that have that skill set and knowledge but also so many other skill sets.

Jason campbell talked about how its so important that citizens have a voice on the airport board and that a lot of the time the airport board doesn't care what the citizens have to say and that its irresponsible and dysfunctional. Says that they have been working for solutions for noise and it never happens unless they are under stress from the citizens.

Dave asks lady on board how she likes to live right next to the airport
She says she doesn't have an aviation background and that she speaks for the citizens and she used to love living there but she is concerned about some of the controversial issues that have come up with the airport. Says that more people need to be doing their research and seeing what the actual impacts are.

More conversations about if regular citizens should be on the airport board or if it should just be left to aviators.

Item #6 **Review CIP 5-year plan – Mike Vercimak**
Item #7 **Review needed improvements to airport – Mike Vercimak**

Mike Vercimak says that decisions should be made regarding item #6 & #7 should be made when there is a full board. Says there is some additional money that we have with the airport. Asks members to think about where they would like the money to go and what improvements they would like to make so that when the time comes to make those decisions they can move forward.

Conversations about CIP and covid money and what projects are eligible.
It is decided that they need to get a board together before they can make and movement on the decisions.

Item #8 **New Business**

Art asks if there is any new business.
One person is selling someone their hanger and they are having issues with the ground lease.
Dayton says that with their specific lease that they can assign it to someone else with the approval of the city council. Everyone's lease is different, and they will have to continue to go to the City council unless a lease is changed.

Scott Freeman says that only as pilots they act under duress and that on a previous meeting they made a compromise that pilots gave up a lot and it was taken. What they do need for the city is a means for a formal nose complaint process. Asks that the city puts a noise complaint system on the website so they can keep the date and use it to be better rather than just the speculation of people being annoyed with noise.

Mayor billings asks that it be added to next month's agenda that policies and procedures be added to the agenda.
Scott says that they will take the complaints and see if the aircraft was within the policy's and if not act from there.

Item #9 **Adjourn**

Art motions to adjourn the meeting. Second by Laron.
Meeting adjourned.