SANTA YNEZ VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY, INC.

REGULAR BOARD
April 6, 2023– Minutes
In Person Meeting with Zoom Option

Call to Order: 7:01 pm by President Jourdi de Werd
Pledge of Allegiance – led by Jim Victor
Directors Present – Krauch, Carrier, McGowan, Cleland, Kendall, Jones, de Werd, Porter
Directors Absent – Kaslow
Assistant Manager – Dave Romero absent

Approval of Minutes – On a motion by Jones and second by Porter, minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Krauch presented February financials reflecting net income of $3,000, down from average due to $18,000 expense for Perry Lawsuit defense. Year to date income is at budget. Fuel sales of 100LL are average at 3,500 gal. Jet A sales below average at 3,400 gal.

President's Report – President de Werd reported that the lawsuit and the motion by Perry had been dismissed and could not be refiled. He noted the cost of $18,300 and the fact that the lawsuit had no merit. He also reported that Gainey property north of the airport was being leased for parking for music festival at Live Oak.

Board comments, matters, and correspondence – none

Assistant Manager's Report – report presented by President de Werd. Fuel margins are on target but pricing on fuel is changing with every load received. No personnel changes. Facilities – we are behind on weed control but working to catch up. No hangar changes.

Public Comments – None

Old Business –

1. Safety – Yves reported that gate issues had been resolved. Usual amount of after-hours use of the picnic area by teenagers.
2. Hangar Land Lease Update – No new progress but Cathy Mehl expects to get the remaining leases out shortly.
3. Fans for Hangar G-9 – no report

New Business –

Approved

1. Update on Perry Lawsuit – Covered in President's Report but links to relevant documents including lawsuit, Authority response, and Court finding were provided in the agenda and are available under "Miscellaneous Documents" on the website.
2. Board Discussion/Action on Lawsuit Expenses – McGowan reviewed the history of the committee appointments that were the basis of the Perry lawsuit and noted that the Board had followed the Bylaws exactly. After noting that the Court had dismissed the lawsuit as "without merit" and "did not belong in court", McGowan pointed out that anyone who was unclear on whether or not Mr. Perry is a supporter of the airport should take the time to read the lawsuit, response, and findings which are linked in the agenda and available on the website. McGowan then made a motion "that the Airport Authority request reimbursement from Robert Perry for legal fees incurred in defending this meritless lawsuit." After a second by Director Cleland followed by discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
3. Airport Sign Update – Director McGowan reported that the sign was now complete and operational while noting that approximately $2,000 was needed to perform needed maintenance on the beacon. McGowan believed that the budget would be sufficient to cover this unexpected expense but requested approval for the $2,000 budget increase if needed. Motion to approve $2,000 was made by Director Kendall and seconded by Director James. Motion passed unanimously. McGowan presented "Challenge" coins to each member of the Board on behalf of James K. Kunkle as appreciation for the airport name amendment and sign. McGowan explained the significance of the challenge coins and noted that James K. Kunkle had received the Distinguished Service Cross and therefore his challenge coin was ranked near the top.
4. Terminal Improvement Grant – McGowan reported that we had received some guidance from the regional FAA office that we should complete the terminal design before resubmitting our grant application. Noting that we needed to do design work if we ever wanted to build a new terminal, McGowan asked for $50,000 as proposed by Tartaglia Engineering to perform preliminary design that would allow for a Design/Build Terminal Improvement Project. To that end, a committee was proposed to establish the scope and use parameters of a terminal/restaurant. McGowan offered to serve as Chair and asked that Dave Romero, Chris Kunkle, and Jason Hargreaves (Tartaglia Engineer) be appointed to the committee. On a motion by Director Jones and second by Director Porter, the committee was approved with authorization to spend up to $50,000 for the partial design.

Advisory and ad hoc committee reports –

Membership/Nominating Standing Committee –

Airport Days – Director Krauch reported on progress in ongoing fundraising as well as promotional work. Sponsors list is significantly longer than last year. Focus is now on fundraising for scholarships with the goal of providing two full scholarships valued at $36,000 that will allow two recipients to obtain their private pilot licenses. To date, nearly $15,000 has been raised. Director Krauch requested a matching funds donation from the Airport Authority of $11,000. Director McGowan made a motion to approve $11,000 in dollar-for-dollar matching funds for donations made in excess of $15,000. If fully realized, this would take the scholarship fund to $37,000. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and passed unanimously.

By-Laws – President de Werd reported on the status of draft bylaws noting that we had received minimal comments from the County and work was being completed by our counsel before scheduling an Authority Membership review meeting.

Trailer Options – Director Carrier reported on progress made in evaluating existing and needed septic systems. He also reported on initial research on pre-fabricated building costs for a 1,500 sf 3 bedroom residence.

Adjournment of meeting at 8:18.

Approved