

**Montana Aeronautics Board**  
**Montana Department of Transportation; Auditorium**  
**2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT**  
**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**Aeronautics Board**

Tricia McKenna, Board Chairperson  
Chris Edwards, Vice-Chair  
Robert Buckles  
Dan Hargrove  
Bill Hunt, Jr  
Fred Lark  
Roger Lincoln  
Walt McNutt  
Jeff Wadekamper

**Department of Transportation**

Mike Tooley, MDT Director  
Tim Conway, MDT Aeronautics  
Wade Cebulski, MDT Aeronautics  
Matt Lindberg, MDT Aeronautics  
Effie Benoit, MDT Aeronautics  
Carol Grell-Morris, MDT Legal

**Guests**

Zack Anderson, Kalispell City Airport  
Ross Butcher, County Commissioner  
Craig Canfield, KLJ Engineering  
Amanda Casey, Senator John Tester's Office  
Nigel Davis, Morrison-Maierle, Inc  
Rick Donaldson, Robert, Peccia & Associates  
Scott Eaton, Federal Aviation Administration  
Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle, Inc.  
Andy Galen, Morrison-Maierle, Inc.

BJ Holman, Kalispell City Airport  
Kevin Myhre, Century Companies  
Joe Nye, Federal Aviation Administration  
Tyler Reed, Morrison-Maierle, Inc.  
Nathan Schroth, KLJ Engineering  
Pete Smith, Lewistown Airport Board Member  
Morris Spannagel, Treasure County  
Mitch Stelling, Outrigger  
Glen White, Treasure County

**Call to Order**

- Chairperson McKenna called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**MDT Update - Mike Tooley, MDT Director**

Director Mike Tooley expressed appreciation to the Board for their time and work. Director Tooley gave a brief update on House Bill 81. Director Tooley also listened to the Board's concerns and answered questions regarding House Bill 81 and LC 1526 proposed legislation.

**Applicant Presentation of Loan/Grant Applications**

- **Anaconda (Bowman Field) Airport** - Tyler Reed with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Baker Airport** - Craig Canfield with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Big Timber Airport** - Nathan Schroth with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Bridger Airport** - There was not a presentation on behalf of the airport.

- **Conrad Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Deer Lodge City-County Airport** - Travis Eickman with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Dillon Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Dutton Airport** - There was not a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Fairfield Airport** - There was not a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Fort Benton Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Glendive (Dawson Community) Airport** - Craig Canfield with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Hamilton (Ravalli County) Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Hysham Airport** - Glenn White, Airport Manager, and Morris Spannagel, County Commissioner, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Jordan Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Kalispell City Airport** - Zack Anderson and BJ Holman, Acting Airport Manager, provided a presentation on behalf of the airport. The Kalispell Airport Association leases the airport from the city and are not the sponsors of the airport. The city has not taken a vote to accept a grant or be liable for a loan. Therefore, the Kalispell City Airport is not eligible for loan or grant funds.
- **Laurel Municipal Airport** - Craig Canfield with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Lewistown Municipal Airport** - Nigel Davis with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. and Ross Butcher, County Commissioner and Lewistown Airport Board Member, and Pete Smith, Lewistown Board Member provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Livingston (Mission Field) Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Plentywood (Sher-wood) Airport** - Nathan Schroth with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Roundup Airport** - There was not a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport** - Craig Canfield with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Terry Airport** - Craig Canfield with KLJ Engineering provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Thompson Falls Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Three Forks (Pogreba Field) Airport** - Travis Eickman with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Turner Airport** - Nigel Davis with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.
- **Twin Bridges Airport** - Rick Donaldson with Robert, Peccia & Associates provided a presentation on behalf of the airport.

- **Wolf Point (L.M. Clayton) Airport** - There was not a presentation on behalf of the airport.

### **Public Comment**

- *There was no public comment.*

### **Pilots for Montana Airports Legislative Funding Solution - Doug Phair**

Doug Phair with the Pilots for Montana Airports gave a presentation and answered questions from the Board regarding LC 1526 proposed legislation.

### **Loan/Grant Allocations**

The Board agreed to make grant and loan awards with safety as the priority. The Board agreed not to fund design only requests with grant funds. The board agreed to fully fund nonfederal airports.

- **Anaconda (Bowman Field) Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$8,861 grant and \$0 loan
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$18,638 grant and \$0 loan
  - Install/Rehabilitate Airport Beacons - not a federal project, no award
- **Baker Municipal Airport**
  - Expand Apron - not a safety issue, no award
- **Big Timber Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$8,081 grant and \$8,081 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$3,664 grant and \$3,664 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$1,305 grant and \$1,305 loan
  - Acquire Security Equipment/Install Perimeter Fencing - not a safety issue, \$0 grant and \$5,000 loan
- **Bridger Municipal Airport**
  - Install Runway Vertical/Visual Guidance System - \$15,000 grant and \$0 loan
- **Conrad Airport**
  - Construct/Improve/Repair Fuel Farm/Utilities - not a safety issue, \$0 grant and \$27,000 loan
- **Deer Lodge City-County Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$6,053 grant and \$6,053 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$1,350 grant and \$1,350 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$1,829 grant and \$1,829 loan
- **Dillon Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$9,500 grant and \$9,500 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$3,600 grant and \$3,600 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$3,300 grant and \$3,300 loan
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Access Road - not a safety issue, \$0 grant and \$3,200 loan
- **Dutton Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$2,500 grant and \$0 loan
- **Fairfield Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$4,500 grant and \$0 loan

- **Fort Benton Airport**
  - Construct Apron - new construction, no award
  - Construct Taxiway - new construction, \$0 grant and \$50,000 loan
- **Glendive (Dawson Community) Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$15,625 grant and \$0 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$4,920 grant and \$0 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$4,470 grant and \$0 loan
- **Hamilton (Ravalli County) Airport**
  - There is a high probability that the airport may get the supplemental funding from FAA, but the funds wouldn't be available for other airports if they don't get the funding. Therefore, the Board choose not to fund any of the airport's projects.
  - Rehabilitate Runway - no award
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - no award
  - Expand Apron - no award
  - Acquire Land/Easement for Development/Relocation - no award
  - Construct Runway - no award
  - Construct Taxiway - no award
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Access Road - no award
- **Hysham Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$29,392 grant and \$5,187 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$1,908 grant and \$337 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$7,720 grant and \$1,362 loan
- **Jordan Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$5,395 grant and \$5,395 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$445 grant and \$445 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$910 grant and \$910 loan
- **Laurel Municipal Airport**
  - Since the runway, taxiway and apron is new, the board choose to fund the second taxiway with grant funds as it is a more expensive project and is where the more immediate need is.
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$0 grant and \$25,380 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$0 grant and \$18,300 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$36,563 grant and \$58,237 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$0 grant and \$13,200 loan
- **Lewistown Municipal Airport**
  - Acquire Security Equipment/Install Perimeter Fencing - not a federal project, no award
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$10,000 grant and \$10,000 loan
- **Livingston (Mission Field) Airport**
  - Extend/Widen/Strengthen Taxiway - not a safety issue, no award
- **Plentywood (Sher-wood) Airport**
  - Install miscellaneous NAVAIDS/Approach Aids - while NAVAIDS are safety issues, they are not as high as priority as runways - \$0 grant and \$13,890 loan
  - Acquire Snow Removal Equipment - not a safety issue - \$0 grant and \$23,000 loan

- **Roundup Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - design only project - \$0 grant, \$5,945.74 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - design only project - \$0 grant, \$1,589.50 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - design only project - \$0 grant, \$3,265.38 loan
  - Construct Taxiway - design only project - \$0 grant, \$4,699.38 loan
    - The Board asked that the loan award be \$15,500 for the airport and to be split among the projects. Therefore, loan awards in dollars and cents were awarded.
- **Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$17,435 grant and \$0 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$11,625 grant and \$0 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$4,335 grant and \$0 loan
  - Install Runway Vertical/Visual Guidance System - while guidance systems are safety issues, they are not as high as priority as runways, no award
  - Construct/Expand/Improve/Modify/Rehabilitate Access Road - not a safety issue, no award
- **Terry Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$10,360 grant and \$10,360 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$1,035 grant and \$1,035 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$1,395 grant and \$1,395 loan
- **Thompson Falls Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - design only project - \$0 grant, \$1,908 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - design only project - \$0 grant, \$5,031 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - design only project - \$0 grant, \$6,561 loan
- **Three Forks (Pogreba Field) Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - design only project - no award, would not accept a loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - design only project - no award, would not accept a loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - design only project - no award, would not accept a loan
- **Turner Airport**
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$23,286 grant and \$23,286 loan
- **Twin Bridges Airport**
  - Install Weather Reporting System - while guidance systems are safety issues, they are not as high as priority as runways, no award
- **Wolf Point (L.M. Clayton) Airport**
  - Administrative Costs - not a safety issue, no award
  - Rehabilitate Runway - \$0 grant and \$2,425 loan
  - Rehabilitate Taxiway - \$0 grant and \$50 loan
  - Rehabilitate Apron - \$0 grant and \$25 loan
    - Five percent of the total airport's state share match is less than the \$1,200 threshold required to issue an award. Therefore, no grant funds were awarded.

*Bill Hunt made a motion to accept the grant and loans as presented expect for Sidney Airport.  
Jeff Wadkamper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Walt McNutt recused himself from the vote on the Sidney Airport award as he is a member of the Sidney Airport Board. Bill Hunt made a motion to accept the loan and grant as presented for Sidney. Jeff Wadekamper seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**House Bill 81**

The Board held discussion regarding House Bill 81 and voted on Aeronautics Board support of the bill.

*Rob Buckles made a motion to vote to support House Bill 81. Bill Hunt seconded the motion.*

*Tricia McKenna - No*

*Chris Edwards - Abstain*

*Robert Buckles - Yes*

*Dan Hargrove - Yes*

*Bill Hunt, Jr - Yes*

*Fred Lark - Yes*

*Roger Lincoln - No*

*Walt McNutt - Yes*

*Jeff Wadekamper - Abstain*

*The motion passed with*

*5 votes to support House Bill 81*

*2 votes not to support House Bill 81*

*2 members abstained*

*Bill Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Lark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.*

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Tricia McKenna, Chairperson

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Roger Lincoln, Secretary