

**Custer County Commissioner
Special Meeting
Custer County Airport
March 31, 2011**

Chairman Hazeltine called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Travis Bies, Jim Lintz, Phil Lampert, Mark Hartman and the Auditor were present. Also present were Jim Lyndoe, Gary Woodford, Mike Carter and Dave Ressler. Chairman Hazeltine approved the agenda as presented. In the following proceedings, all action taken was first duly moved and seconded, received a unanimous vote of the Commissioners without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated.

Gary Woodford, Highway Superintendent

- Gary asked the board for permission to purchase 2 new Ford ¾ ton 4x4 pickups off the State Bid to replace the two pickups totaled in the accident. \$44,450.00 settlement was received from our insurance company which will leave a shortage of about \$5,500.00 to cover the purchase of the new vehicles. Gary can cover the \$5,500.00 out of his budget. The board moved to authorize Gary to order 2 new Ford pickups. Motion carried.

-Gary asked the Chairman to sign the extension of the Schedule A Agreement with the Forest Service for the roadside brushing project. The Chairman signed the agreement.

Airport Management

-The Board acknowledged the letter of resignation from Ben Baum/ Sierra Delta Aviation LLC of the County Airport Operator Agreement and the Custer County Hanger Lease Agreement effective April 21, 2011.

-The fuel in the tanks will be measured and Sierra Delta Aviation will be reimbursed for the fuel. Credit card sales starting April 1st will be deposited in the county's bank account.

- An employment ad has been posted for an airport manager but after some discussion the job description may be changed considerably. The possibility of county employees taking over some of the tasks at the airport was considered and thought viable. Items like snow removal, mowing, regular grounds and building maintenance, purchase of fuel and credit card sales could be implemented in existing departments. Dave Ressler, Chamber Director, was present and brought up the possibility of the city and the chamber picking up some of the responsibilities for manpower and/or monetary assistance since they both benefit from the airport. A presence at the airport during business hours was also discussed as well as car rentals made available to pilots. Both were considered important. Volunteers and part time employees could help with that.

- A couple people have voiced an interest in managing the airport and the Board will visit with them to see what they propose. In the interim county employees will keep the airport up and running.

-Chairman Hazeltine adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. with the next meeting being held April 8th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse Annex. Following the meeting the Board will proceed to the Custer County Courtroom at the Custer County Courthouse for the open house celebrating County Government Month.

Attest:

Linda Nelson

David Hazeltine, Chairman

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