Sun Valley Air Service Board **Meeting Minutes** July 31, 2019 Hailey City Hall Meeting Room 2 pm

Present:

Neil Bradshaw – Mayor, City of Ketchum

Jacob Greenberg - Blaine County Commissioner

Peter Hendricks – Mayor, City of Sun Valley

Absent:

Fritz Haemmerle – Mayor, City of Hailey

Staff Present: Sun Valley - Susan Robertson

Hailey – Heather Dawson

CALL TO ORDER:

2:02:13 PM by Peter Hendricks

Neil Bradshaw and Peter Hendricks are present

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2:02:47 PM Carol Waller thanks Susan Robertson for all of her work through the years of service for air service in valley, we are going to miss her and thank her for all she has done.

Remarks by Bradshaw 2:03:22 PM thank you Susan, looks like it is a great summer so far, long may it continue.

2:03:37 PM Hendricks, will make announcement tomorrow, but wanted to say to this group. 2:04:24 PM He wanted to make remarks to this group. Hendricks announces that Robertson has accepted a position and will be departing on August 2nd to Augusta Maine. Hendricks remarks that Robertson started her tenure at Sun Valley on January 2013 in the midst of frequently headlined news stories about the government in Sun Valley, thanks to her calm even approach, in a difficult environment she led the city back to an even keel. 2:05:18 PM Hendricks will miss her help and advice, "thank you for your service," ends Hendricks. Robertson replies to Hendricks, "Thanks."

2:05:03 PM Jacob Greenberg arrives. Hendricks, asks, let the record show Jacob Greenberg joins the meeting and comments. 2:06:06 PM He summarizes where we are with the airport and all organizations (Fly Sun Valley Alliance, Visit Sun Valley), we are at a crucial juncture here and must work together, a sustainable funding measure is crucial. 2:07:17 PM The Friedman Memorial Airport Board (FMAA) is looking at improvements to the airport, and had an opportunity to review appropriate facilities for future flights and working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Tomorrow,

Airport Manager Chris Pomeroy and Greenberg will travel to Ft. Collins with consultant Bill Payne to look at a control tower 2:08:21 PM pilot program for a remote tower, objective on how to move forward with this program. We will have Raytheon to look at our facilities, 2:09:16 PM Bradshaw asks what is a remote tower? Greenberg answers, it is an array of 2:09:46 PM cameras along a runway, and look at cameras to perform traffic control. There are microphones to pick up sound. Benefit to others, have several rooms monitoring several airports, there is redundant power, they have answers for all of our questions. 2:11:59 PM Greenberg shows an electronic picture from his phone to Hendricks and Bradshaw. 2:13:06 PM the FMAA airport has invested in testing a new approach, now need to get the airlines to use it. 2:13:41 PM if we get in on the pilot program it would be free to us, and it would save us in having to rebuild a new control tower. We fit all of the characteristics of a model airport to try out this program. Our congressional delegation will be here the 13th of August, we will be visiting with them. Senator Crapo and Risch will be here, we are hoping they will convince the FAA that we are worthy. 2:15:00 PM Hendricks asks about the safety record of this program, is it tested? The Ft. Collins is not fully operational but the Leesburg facility is in use now. Hendricks asks, have the airlines weighed in on this? Greenberg responds, doesn't know if they have. He suspects they will have the same questions you will. Greenberg, will report back later.

2:16:31 PM Dick Fenton asks a question is it a net cost savings to us? Greenberg responds, yes it would mean discretionary funds to us. We match 6.7% of the cost, so yes it is a savings to us.

CONSENT AGENDA:

<u>2:17:30 PM</u> Consent agenda approve minutes and financials <u>2:17:45 PM</u> Bradshaw moves to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Hendricks. Motion passed with roll call vote. Hendricks, yes. Bradshaw, yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

<u>2:18:24 PM</u> Susan Robertson, this is a similar budget than last year, anticipating a 6% increase in contracts for services next meeting.

2:19:12 PM Bradshaw asks about allocation question, has this been discussed? Susan Robertson replies, these organizations meet and determine their individual needs and come with a proposal, and break out the money by the months. 2:20:18 PM Robertson, replies you do that at a later date, how to split it.

No Public comments.

<u>2:20:53 PM</u> Bradshaw moves to approve budget, seconded by Hendricks, motion passed with roll call vote. Bradshaw yes. Hendricks, yes.

2:21:32 PM Robertson presented these audit services with Workman and Company, is same firm with different owner.

<u>2:22:08 PM</u> Bradshaw moves to approve Workman and Company contract, Hendricks seconds, motion passed with roll call vote. Bradshaw yes. Hendricks, yes.

2:22:31 PM Robertson explains the bills on hand, invoices for listen, 2:22:58 PM Bradshaw move to approve invoices as presented, seconded by Hendricks. passed with roll call vote Bradshaw yes. Hendricks, yes.

6.2:23:18 PM JPA agreement Susan Robertson, this is complete, original has been signed by all parties.

<u>2:24:17 PM</u> Peter Hendricks updates board about a conversation he had with Mayor Haemmerle regarding Susan Robertson's departure, and he agreed that City of Hailey would assume Susan's duties in Heather Dawson, until Sun Valley can hire a replacement.

2:24:40 PM Carol Waller gave a verbal update, at the next meeting will be a formal presentation, bookings are up 10% in June.

We had a strategic planning session in June with both boards. Now smaller groups will look at needs assessments, maybe in a month or two have something to review, and have short-term FY 20 plan. Next meeting is Sept. 26th. 2:26:50 PM the new fall schedule will come out soon.

<u>2:27:12 PM</u> Bradshaw asks for a couple of takeaways of the recent meeting? Waller responds, both boards got more information, developing a plan more in tandem. Everyone felt positive, a got everyone on the same page.

<u>2:29:30 PM</u> Greenberg, there was about 40 people at the joint strategic session. Ongoing discussion of marketing efforts.

2:30:39 PM With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bradshaw. Seconded by Hendricks, motion passed with roll call vote. Bradshaw yes. Hendricks, yes.

Fritz Haemmerle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Neil Bradshaw, Secretary/Treasurer