

**EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JOINT MEETING REGARDING MANTI EPHRAIM AIRPORT
MANTI CITY COMPLEX
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET
MANTI, UT 84642
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2005
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Morris Casperson, Ephraim Mayor
Penny Kittelsrud, Ephraim Council
Garth Sorenson, Ephraim Council
Jannie Anderson, Ephraim Council
Loren Thompson, Manti Council
Larry Lund, Manti Council
Alan Justesen, Manti Council

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Anderson, Ephraim City Mgr/Recorder
Leigh Ann Warnock, Ephraim Admin. Asst.

Warren Rogers	Brian Nielson
Tyler Nielson	Richard Nielson
Bonnie Nielson	John Hales
David Welch	Ralph Derico
David Moses	Mark Anderson
Pat Morley	Benton Peterson
Ken Sorenson	Rey Sorenson
Ted Hodapp	Joan Hodapp
William H. Fune	Reid Cox

Mayor Casperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Casperson welcomed the airport users and members of the Council from both Manti and Ephraim. Comments, questions and concerns were encouraged regarding the Manti Ephraim Airport.

Mr. Sorenson of Manti was concerned that the new fence around the airport did not go all the way to the road. City Manager, Richard Anderson, explained that it was only intended to encompass the runway.

Manti Councilmember Justesen commented that \$24,000 a year is currently budgeted between Manti and Ephraim for the airport, and that this amount needed to be justified. Richard Anderson explained that the money was spent on upkeep items such as weed spray, snow removal, culverts, police protection, insurance, etc and as a match for funds from the FAA,.

Richard Anderson distributed copies of the Executive Summary of Economic Impact of Utah's Airports.

Kirk Nielsen with the Utah Division of Aeronautics addressed the audience and presented a slide show which dealt with the following topics:

- Types of Airports
- Funding
- Project Priority Rating
- Champion Safety Projects
- Grant Requirements
- Uses and Benefits of an Airport

Richard Nielson of Ephraim inquired about implied problems with the airport and zoning. Mel Leseberg of Creamer and Noble explained that airports in general have lost airspace to development. The zoning for the Manti Ephraim Airport was questioned. Commissioner Mark Anderson will look into it. Ephraim and Manti should work closely with the county on zoning issues in the future, possibly establishing a county zoning ordinance.

Mr. Leseberg went over the history of the airport and presented a slide show dealing with the following topics:

- History of Manti-Ephraim Airport
- 2005 Projects
 - Runway Safety Area Grading
 - Relocate Threshold
 - Rehabilitate Runway Lighting System
 - Relocate Rotating Beacon and Wind Sock
 - Relocate Power Line
 - Install light system to guide into runway – PAPI
 - Construct electrical vault
 - Avigation Easement acquisitions
- Funding/Costs
- Wildlife fencing
- Future Projects

Questions from the audience:

How will these projects affect property owners, specifically the no fly zone? Discussion centered on obtaining easements as protection from trees and power poles, etc.

If \$150,000 is allocated to the airport each year, what is that money to be spent on? The money will all be spent on runway improvements; it cannot be spent on anything else. All funds have to be obligated or spent at the end of each three year period. Mr. Nielsen of Ephraim commented that that is an awful lot of money being spent on a project for the few amount of airplanes landing here.

Mr. Leseberg reminded the audience of the value of the airport, i.e. crop dusting, fire fighting, etc.

What about future projects that would affect landowners? Mayor Casperson assured the audience that fair treatment would be given to all concerned.

Is there an airport committee? The Airport Board should consist of Council members from each City, as well as users of the airport. Members of the audience were asked to indicate on the roll who would be interested in serving on the board, and it would be formed within the next week or two.

Mr. Nielsen of Ephraim asked about water access in case of fire or a crashed airplane. Mr. Leseberg replied that water would have to be brought out with a fire truck. If there is a well out there, the matter will have to be looked into further.

Is there a telephone available at the airport? Yes, but Manti telephone charges seem excessive. Manti Councilmember Loren Thompson, who works for Manti Telephone, offered to check on the matter.

Mayor Casperson again assured those in attendance that the Councils would get together and an Airport Board would be formed to work on the Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date

