

## FARA MEETING MINUTES October 24, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 0905 by FARA President Terry Heffley.

The meeting was led by board members Terry Heffley President, Mark Hagen Vice-President and Tony Faust Treasurer/Secretary.

FARA lot owners present for voting purposes:

1. Robins
2. Reynolds
3. Rozell
4. Graben
5. Mitchell
6. Faust
7. Hagen
8. Lomar
9. Heffley, Terry
10. Heffley, Todd
11. Chase
12. Bauer
13. Goode (proxy)
14. Pellegrino
15. Kucel

FARA members not present:

1. Meeks
2. Sharp
3. Eppard

An email of the minutes from the last meeting was sent to all members and a motion was made by Terry Heffley President to approve the minutes and enter them into the record as published. I second the motion was made and the vote was unanimous accepted by all.

The minutes from the meeting are posted via email and also published in the 7TS0 yahoo group.

Tony Faust Treasurer gave a summary of the expenditures and account balance in the FARA account.

Current balance \$2,770.90.

April 2015 balance \$7,066.36  
May 2015 balance \$6,562.30 -\$504.06 fertilizer Justin Seed  
June 2015 balance \$4,407.06 -\$2,155.54 top soil / runway insurance  
July 2015 balance \$4,407.06  
August 2015 balance \$4,407.06  
September 2015 balance \$4,407.06  
October 2015 balance \$2,770.90 -\$1,636.16 Justin Seed

Mark Hagen Vice President started a general discussion on the condition of the runway. He spoke about compaction of the runways and lack of effectiveness of rolling low spots. Mention was made of vibratory rollers and the effect on using one. Dave mentioned the south end of the runway and the

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wash board effect and need for removing Dallas grass. Mike mentioned the mixture of grasses/weeds and the need to spray the runway to control weeds. We haven't sprayed the runway for 2/3 years. Concerns were mentioned about how long it will take the runway to recover if we use the harrow. The need for a heavy vibratory roller was mentioned. Don mentioned not digging up the runway but dragging, filling and rolling the low spots. The experience of other runways (Justin time) have dug up their runway and never saw the results they expected. We should go back to what worked in the past. Dave mentioned a harrow will smooth and dig up the roots of various grasses. Don mentioned a drill planter was used in the past. It was mentioned that our problem has always been the need for warm temperatures and rain. There is a need to fill in the low spots and then roll the dirt flat. One of the main problems will be getting the dirt and filling in the low spots. The need to get good screened dirt was mentioned. The estimation is that we need 6 each 12 yard loads of top soil. The question was raised of where on the runway to position the dirt to simplify the filling and spreading. The need to have the dirt down and secure before the heavy spring rain was mentioned. The rain will wash out the loose soil if the soil is not packed and grass is not growing on the top soil to prevent this. If we do extensive maintenance such as using a harrow or excessive filling we should consider only doing 1/4 of the runway at a time so that it could remain open for use. Most airplanes can fly using only 3/4 of the runway. The discussion moved to various grass types that are draught tolerant and the need for seeding and water. The discussion moved to possible water well for the runway and all the cost involved. All the details need to be outlined and developed before we go forward with a most likely site being on the east side of the runway. A plan could be developed with only sections of the runway being disturbed with the installation of spray heads at time. It will be \$15,000.00 for a 800 foot water well. The estimate is it will be at \$2,000.00 per lot to install a water system. We need many members to pitch in to fill the low spots when we purchase the dirt. There needs to be a group effort to improve the condition of the runway. The usual amount of rye grass and fertilizer is 2,000 pounds. The suggestion was made to get estimates of dirt and start filling the low spots. A weekend with a skid loader could be very productive and get the runway filled quickly.

A motion was made to set the runway dues at \$350.00 per lot for 2016 and the vote was taken and carried unanimously.

A motion was made to close the meeting and discuss other business a vote was taken and carried by all members.

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