

City renews contract for airport operation

By Tom Betz

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Satisfied with how Renner Field is being operated, the city commission Monday approved renewal of the five-year contract with Butterfly Aviation.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the airport board had met and reviewed the agreement with owner John Collett for airport management and operation of the airport and fuel station.

Under the agreement, Collett manages the airport, but receives no pay from the city. As the fixed-base operator, Butterfly Aviation does not pay any rent to the city, but pays utilities for their hangars and the Butterfly Cafe, and pays the city 4 cents on every gallon of fuel sold.

Hill said the airport board had recommended approval of the five-year renewal.

"The board members said they were pleased with how the airport has been operating," Hill said. "The agreement is the same as before with a few minor changes to clean up some language."

Hill said the one change is that the agreement will run until July 2011.

The additional six months will allow the city to have all airport contracts come up for renewal at the same time.

Under the contract, the airport manager is to inspect all runways daily, check the runway lights, maintain a daily log of arrival and departure of all aircraft and make sure the airport is operated in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

The airport manager agreement was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Dave Daniels abstaining because of a conflict of interest.

The second half of the airport agreement was for Butterfly Aviation as the fixed-base, or fuel and service, operator. Hill said the agreement is the same as before with cleaned up language and follows the same time line as the other contract.

The fixed-base agreement allows Butterfly use of the community hanger and the north end of the airport terminal for a restaurant. The agreement says Butterfly will pay all utilities for these plus the electric usage for the aviation fuel pumps. The agreement requires the

firm to have liability insurance for \$100,000, and the operator is to pay any deductible from claims for damage to aircraft stored in the hangar.

The agreement requires Butterfly to employ a licensed and qualified airframe and power plant mechanic. The agreement grants the operator the right to sell oil and aviation fuel and other supplies and maintain a service department.

Butterfly has the exclusive right to sell food and soft drinks from vending machines in the airport terminal. If the operator does not sell food or soft drinks, though, the city has the right to lease the vending machine area.

The agreement requires Butterfly to pay the city 4 cents per gallon on aviation fuel, or two cents per gallon for fuel sold to any scheduled airline. (There are none at present.)

Hill said he was surprised at the number of planes that stop in Goodland each month. While the agreement allows the establishment of tie down or landing fees, Hill said, there are none at Renner Field.

Pleasant surprise?



Grace Simmering, 315 Main, was out shoveling off snow from sidewalks Friday morning. Goodland woke up to four inches of snow that day. There was no wind, so the snow piled evenly.
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Kanorado man goes to arraignment over drugs

By Pat Schiefen

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Judge Jack Burr ruled there was probable cause to believe a Kanorado man was involved in drugs at his preliminary hearing earlier this month and set an arraignment for 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

Jesse J. "Jesus" Sandoval appeared before Judge Jack Burr in Sherman County District Court on Monday, Jan. 11, for conspiracy to sell drugs, a level 3 drug felony, and not having a drug stamp, a level 10 nonperson felony.

The Quad County Drug Task Force used an informant to set up the purchase of a quarter pound of methamphetamine in Goodland on Saturday, Aug. 27, trying to shut down an alleged drug trafficking ring, witnesses said.

The agent, Johnny Kreigh, said he had been in contact with Rod Hill, Wallace, trying to purchase a fourth of a pound of methamphetamine. Police believed that Sandoval was the supplier and were trying to establish a link between Hill and Sandoval. Hill has already been convicted for selling of a stimulant on Thursday, Jan. 5, in

Wallace County. He was sentenced to serve 59 months in prison.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby called as her first witness, Tim Leakey, a special agent for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Leakey said he was in Dighton on Aug. 27, watching the Wayne Hill residence. He said he was doing a random surveillance, driving by every 15 minutes. He said he saw different vehicles come and go, including an older blue GMC pickup with a white camper. The vehicle, he said, belonged to Jesse Sandoval of Kanorado.

Wallace County Sheriff Larry Townsend, the second witness for the state, testified that he was monitoring a drug operation south of Wallace that day, waiting to do a search warrant.

Townsend said he executed the search warrant on the Rod Hill residence in Wallace, with no one in the house. Three men were in the shop, he said. Stephen Sandoval and Recardo Arzate ran from the shop while Carlos Delgado stayed.

The third witness was Deputy Sheriff Billy Cox of Wallace County, who said he had set up surveillance in Wallace to watch for a

drug buy in a closed store across the street from the Rodney Hill residence.

A blue '70s pickup pulled up to the door of the shop and parked.

Rod Hill was in and out of the house two to three times, he said. The last time Hill took a small white canister or tube into shop from a white car and left with a small bag. Cox said he notified Townsend when Hill left.

The fourth witness was Kriegh, the undercover agent. Kriegh said he was in Goodland in a motel arranging a methamphetamine purchase from Rod Hill for the drug task force. He testified that Hill had sold Kreigh methamphetamine in the past with Jesse Sandoval present. Hill said he had to ask Jesse to have the sale in Goodland, said Kreigh, but Rod Hill was the one who showed up at the motel.

"I had a couple of drinks of Tequila before Rod Hill showed up," Kreigh said.

He testified that the drug task force had voice and camera recording equipment in the room. Kreigh said he counted out \$5,000 for Hill and bought the methamphetamine. Hill also counted the money and

went out the door. Officers arrested Hill and also cuffed Kreigh to protect his cover.

Defense attorney Mike Day asked Kreigh what his job for the task force was. Kreigh said it was his job to make drug purchases. He was paid \$700-\$800. He was not paid to testify and it didn't make any difference to him if there was a conviction.

Kreigh said he had made calls to Hill from Brighton, Colo., Denver and Goodland to get the methamphetamine.

The fifth witness was Doug Murphy of the drug task force, who said he had been investigating drug trafficking by Hill and Jesse Sandoval. Kreigh, he said, had made several drug purchases from Hill and found out that Jesse Sandoval was the supplier.

On Aug. 27, Murphy testified, he was in Goodland arranging to buy a quarter of a pound of methamphetamine. He and Goodland Police Chief Ray Smee were in one room in the Super 8 Motel and Kreigh was in another.

Hill arrived and removed a pack-

age from the front of his pants and put on a table. Kreigh opened the package.

Kreigh counted out the money for Hill for the drugs and Hill took and counted the money. Hill took the money and left. Murphy arrested Hill and Goodland police took him to the Sherman County Bastille.

On Monday, Aug. 29, Murphy said, he saw Hill at the jail. He said he read Hill his rights and then Hill agreed to speak without a lawyer.

He said Hill told him he arranged through Sandoval to get the methamphetamine on Aug. 27. Stephen Sandoval, Jesse's son, and Delgado brought the methamphetamine to Dighton, he said, but Hill had purchased methamphetamine from Jesse Sandoval in the past.

Judge Burr asked if there was a drug tax stamp on the package that contained the drugs, as required by state law. Murphy said no.

Under cross examination, Murphy admitted there was no direct evidence the Jesse Sandoval had possession of the methamphetamine that day.

Mike Day, defense attorney,

called Hill for a witness. Hill said he knew Jesse Sandoval and worked on his vehicles. On Friday, Aug. 26, he said, he called Jesse to let him know that his van was ready. Jesse told him he would pick it up in the next few days. He said they did not talk about methamphetamine.

"I talked to Johnny Kreigh about a quarter pound of methamphetamine," said Hill, adding that Kreigh said he did not want to come to Wallace to get it because he was tired and had had a couple of drinks. He said he made arrangements with Delgado for the drugs.

Under cross examination by Selby, Hill said he had dealt with Delgado, who had worked for Jesse Sandoval for several years. Hill had seen Delgado at Jesse Sandoval's house once. Hill said he had never directly purchased drugs from Jesse Sandoval.

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