

## **Grand Haven Airport Board - Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Meeting**

Ben Ennenga called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Roll call by Board Secretary Denny Swartout    Members Present:

Ben Ennenga

Chris Kostamo,

Denny Swartout

Rick Clapp

Dale Hagenbuch

### **Others Present:**

Tom Manderscheid, City Liaison

Earle Bares, Airport Manager

### **Guests:**

Jennifer Bares

Rex Slingerland

### **First call to the audience:**

- Rex Slingerland indicated that the front page of the city web site does not mention the airport. He was informed that if you go to 'directory' on the home page you will find airport and if you go to 'Boards and Commissions' a calendar will show the schedule of airport board meetings for the entire year.
- Earle mentioned the Airport Open House is set for June 4th, the Trunk and Treat Event is scheduled for October 29th and the Coast Guard helicopter will be on site during this year's Coast Guard Festival.

**Board Minutes:** Acceptance of the January 25, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Motion by Swartout, seconded by Kostamo. Motion Carried.

### **New Business: Recommendation to City Council to Approve Block Grant**

- Board discussed the State Block Grant for acquisition easements of Parcel E-62 and E-63 east approach.

- Tom informed the board that this portion of the Grant totals \$115,930 with the State and Local match being \$195 each.

- We are still waiting on \$61,160 bringing the total to \$177,090.

Motion made by Kostamo, seconded by Clapp to recommend to City Council the approval of the Grant. Motion Carried.

### **Discussion of 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan**

- Fed funds for capital improvements total \$159,000 a year over five years totaling \$795,000. This is over and above the \$150,000 the airport receives each year.

- There is no required local match for these dollars.

- March 11th is the deadline for the Grant submission.

- Tom suggested that the \$48,000 for hanger design be moved up a year to 2025, based on Fed rules and regulations.

Motion made by Swartout, seconded by Clapp to make the change to the plan as suggested and allow Tom Manderscheid to manage the project. Motion Carried.

### **Old Business: None**

### **Airport Manager Report: Earle Bares**

- Hanger roofs D, F, A, and B will be painted by June 1st.

- All parties approved the noise abatement program and we will formalize and post necessary criteria for pilots to follow. The City, Township and Association of Realtors have been informed of the program.

- Noise abatement signage will be installed this spring.

- After further review the 80' x 80' hanger option with Bi-fold 16' x 70' doors with an estimated cost of \$502,400 might be our best option.

- Present fuel system credit card reader is out of date and thus does not read some cards. Estimated cost to replace is \$20,000. This is not Grant eligible but there is \$21,000 earmarked in the budget.

- From January 2020 to December 2021 a total of 2,839 operations have been from the North/South runway. This more than satisfies the FAA requirement that the crosswind runway have at least 500 operations per year.

**Administrative Liaison Report: Tom Manderscheid**

- Updated cash balance is \$79,500 which includes \$13,000 in Grant funding.
- Accounts Receivables over 30 days as of February 17, 2022, is \$2,030.25 in the arrears.
- MDOT is aware we are working on the selection process for hiring a consultant. A review committee will be formed which should include an engineer and several board members. The committee will go off the CIP for the list of projects. The last time the board went through this process was 2016.
- The FAA has placed in writing that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$15 billion for airport related projects. The money can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects. The City of Grand Haven should be receiving \$159,000.

**Second Call to the Audience:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Kostamo, seconded by Hagenbuch to adjourn at 7:35 PM.  
Motion Carried.