

Grand Haven Airport Board - Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Meeting

Acting Chairperson Rick Clapp called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Roll call by Board Secretary Denny Swartout

Members Present: Chris Kostamo, Denny Swartout, Rick Clapp, Dale Hagenbuch

Member Absent: Ben Ennenga,

Others Present:

Tom Manderscheid, City Liaison Earle Bares, Airport Manager

Guests:

Jim Hagen, John Kinch, Jennifer Bares, Tom Howard, Trisha Harrell

First Call To The Audience: None

Board Minutes: Acceptance of the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Motion by Swartout seconded by Kostamo. Motion Carried.

New Business: Discussion of Solar Panels On Airport Property.

- Dale expressed some concerns and questioned if solar energy was the best way to reduce utility cost
- Tom questioned where the solar panels would be located and was informed they would be positioned south/southwest
- Jim Hagen mentioned the reasons to install solar were: 1. Because of increased electric costs 2. Utilization of marginal areas 3. Lower carbon footprint 4. Increase percentage of renewables
- John Kinch said he represents a Non-profit that could run the numbers as to cost, operation, and return on investment
- The proposed solar locations would be 378 to 633 feet from the end of the runway
- One of the first steps would be to engage the BLP in discussions to determine their level of interest and/or involvement

Motion: Motion made by Swartout Seconded by Kostamo to recommend to City Council that the City investigate the viability, cost, and FAA guidelines associated with the installation of solar panels at the Grand Haven Airport. Motion Carried

Airport Manager Report:

- The coating and painting of hangar roofs in row D and F was completed. Everything went smoothly with the 18 tenants either covering aircraft or removing them from the hangar
- Security and safety signs are at entry points around the airport
- Working with the State on fuel tank issues
- Noise abatement signage for the airport is complete and installed
- The airport must comply with all object free and runway protection zones when considering solar panels and a glare assessment would have to be made

Administrative Liaison Report:

- Accounts Receivables over 30 days as of May 18, 2022 is \$1,180
- The Airport fund cash balance as of May 14, 2022, is \$105,227.37
- No change from last month regarding the American Rescue Plan Act /Airport Rescuer Grants
- There will be some re-coating of the hangar roofs due to the work not meeting specifications and no funds will be paid until the work is done properly
- Airport is looking for a new mechanic

Final Call to the Audience: None

Adjournment: Motion by Kostamo, seconded by Hagenbuch to adjourn at 6:42 PM.
Motion Carried