

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes June 25, 2024

Chairperson Ben Ennenga called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Roll Call: Richard Clapp

Members present: Ben Ennenga, Richard Clapp, Tricia Harrell

Others Present: Earle Bares -Airport Manager , Tim Price- Asst City Mgr.

Guests: Jennifer Bares, Kevin Jarchow, Louis Lybrook.

First Call to the audience

Jennifer Bares discussed the upcoming Trunk or Treat event and the need for volunteers.

Earl Bares- Grand Haven Aviation Association, Airport open house on June 1, 2024 with dawn patrol breakfast was well attended with over 2000 in attendance, 400 breakfasts served.

Ethan Beswick made a presentation regarding purchase of an aircraft to the GHAA.

May 28, 2024 Minutes:

Motion to accept the May 28,2024 minutes by Clapp, seconded by Harrell. Motion carried.

New business:

Land leases: Presentation of land lease option for private built box hangars- Earle Bares

Review of details of land lease.

-Long list of individuals wanting a hangar.

-Option needed for individuals to build their own hangar.

-Report includes requirements to lease land by other airports.

-Master airport plan details where we may build private hangars.

-FAA expects us to be good stewards and use the land at its best use.

-Lease term should coincide with FAA's stewardship expectations

-A majority of airports our size and in West Michigan offer land leases.

- It makes sense to land lease land for private entities to build hangars. It is very cost effective.
- Leases must not contain terms more than 50 years.
- Upkeep may not be included in the base land lease.
- Establish land lease minimums
- Cost for utilities -approx. \$50k
- Possible locations for land leases depicted by the airport manager in his report.

Discussion of camping with aircraft initiated by Tricia.

Tricia departs, (excused), 7:07 pm, no quorum from this point forward. Quorum is not required unless decisions to be made.

Old Business: None

Airport manager report: Earle Bares

Activity

Activity and fuel sales are slowly increasing, YTD above

Design stage of N/S runway has begun and is under contract.

Surveyors to come shortly and borings of runway have been taken.

Projects

Construction of new hangars: Planning on tear down of "C" row. Build of T-hangars pending our review and decision.

Summer airport maintenance items underway.

MDOT Aero agrees with our opinion to move forward with runway rehabilitation before taxiway rehab. We need to add the taxiway rehabilitation to our capital improvement plan.

Additional money may be available to use on building hangars.

Fuel sales, Operations, Activity

- *Fuel sales are going down for this time of year*
- *Fuel prices going up recently*
- *Flight instruction slow*

No noise complaints. Earle has received no wildlife complaints.

306 log entries

Fuel Sales were 1867 Gal. 100LL, 1485 Gal. Jet A, slightly ahead of last year.

58 Aircraft home based on the field.

Worked on 1 aircraft.

Hangars are fully occupied and adding more people. 6 very interested parties.

Airport Facilities

South deck repainted. Roof over side room in maintenance hangar flooded with water.

Safety & Security

2 Notams

Wildlife management: MDOT is forwarding information to the DNR. Earle has received no wildlife complaints.

Airport Liaison Report:

Airport Cash balance: \$306,271

Second call to the audience:

- Rick Clapp, “what would we need to do to facilitate camping for Skydive Grand Haven?”
- Tom Mandersheid, “City would need to facilitate this.”
- Denny Swartout, board would need to put it in the agenda for next month.

Adjournment: 7:15 pm

Motion to adjourn: Clapp, seconded by Ennenga.

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp