

Grand Haven Airport Board - Minutes of the August 23, 2022 Meeting

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

Roll call by Board Secretary Denny Swartout

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

Others Present:

Tom Manderscheid, City Liaison Earle Bares, Airport Manager

Guests:

Tricia Harren, Jennifer Bares, Tony Gwinn

First Call To The Audience: Tony Gwinn reported that SkyDive had 81 days of operations but lost 37 days to poor weather. They used over 10,000 gallons of fuel and this is the final year of his lease which he hopes to renew.

Jennifer Bares reminded the board that the Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 29th from 2 to 4PM. There will be planes on the tarmac and she is looking for 700-800 pieces of candy for each plane. Any donations would be appreciated.

Board Minutes: Acceptance of the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Motion by Clapp seconded by Ennenga. Motion Carried.

New Business: Recommendation to City Council to approve MDOT AERO Block Grant 2022-0759 in the amount of \$31,899 for sealing and marking taxiways. Airport to cover 5% of the cost. Motion by Swarout Seconded by Kostamo. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Update on Solar Panels

- Following a meeting with Acting City Manager Ashley Latsch it was determined that Jim Hagen and John Kinch should make a presentation dealing with solar panels at the airport to City Council at a future work session. The date is to be determined.

Update On Clear Span Fabric Structure

- Ashley Latsch is still investigating what the fair market value of the property might be.

Update on Community Event Proposal

- Promoter has withdrawn his request for the event.

Update on MDOT AERO Block Grant 2022-0688.

- City Council has given approval for the Grant application seeking \$61,000 dealing with E62 and E63 parcels on the west end.

Airport Manager Report:

- While overall activity remains about the same as last year our overall fuel sales were at an all time high.
- MDOT airport inspection was conducted with the exception having to do with the south end which has 25-30 trees that need to be removed.
- A few more aircraft have been sold and either have left or will soon be leaving the airport

Administrative Liaison Report:

- Accounts receivables as of August 14th stood at \$3,282
- Airport fund balance is \$55,794
- City has send an e-mail back to MDOT AERO expressing interest in obtaining an additional \$32,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. Still no answer back from the State
- As for Block Grant 2022-0475 we are still awaiting deeds from the County and will then go back to MDOT.

Final Call to the Audience: None

Adjournment: Motion by Swartout, seconded by Clapp to adjourn at 6:22 PM. Motion Carried