

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Approved: January 19, 2017

Call to order: The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Marty Franke at 9:02 a.m.

Roll call/quorum:

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, Marty Franke, Jon Neville, Brett Lecy, Gary Chaudoir, and John Cox
Member(s) absent: None

Agenda/ proper notice/adopt agenda: *MOTION: (Neville, Chaudoir) to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried*

Approve minutes of previous meeting: *MOTION: (Chaudoir, Neville) to approve the minutes of November 17, 2016 as written. Carried.*

Public comment: Rick Brauer from Door County Zoning has received numerous calls regarding the tree trimming at the airport..

Friends Report: Membership currently totals 50% of last year. Financially in great shape and have received about \$8000 in donations for the Olivia Dahl scholarship fund. Chaudoir has been in contact with the highway dept. regarding the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Review /Revise Lease: Franke reported the Town Attorney had some questions regarding the airport lease. Paragraph #4 of the lease changed the due date to January 31st. The Town Board approved the lease subject to that change.

Motion: (Neville, Cox) to approve the lease with the due date change to January 31st. Carried.

Additional Airport Tree Trimming: Aaron from OMNI reported on FAA requirements. Tree clearing inside the airport is similar to that of 20 years ago, 350 ft from the runway centerline. The purpose of the clearing has nothing to do with deer on the property or the plane crash. The FAA doesn't mandate clearing on the property, but will close it if unsafe and eliminate federal funding. The trees are unsafe when approaching at night. The trapezoid approach that comes off the runway, does about an open area along Maple Grove Rd. Additional trees will need to be cut and/or topped. About 85 trees in the runway 14 approach.

Lecy asked if it was possible to save the integrity of 32, and limit the clearing of 14. What could operationally be inhibited? Night time circling would be affected. It was suggested to leave restrictions on the grass runway.

One neighbor has said they wouldn't agree to the tree topping.

The machine that is currently there could also mulch the AWOS piles.

Neville would like to work on getting the consent of the homeowners. If not, look into Plan B with the IFR restrictions. Federal money is available in 2017 for the E/G airport. It would be beneficial to see if anyone is willing to give an easement.

Lecy brought up the opening on Maple Grove Rd and would like to set large stones or another buffer, to inhibit anyone from entering the Airport.

Brauer, from DC Planning referenced woodland clearing rules. David Montesinos reported that they usually don't coordinate with the County, but work with the DNR and Army Corps. Need to determine if Airport has an exemption from County code. Would the property be considered a woodland? It mostly brush and juniper.

Motion: (Neville, Lecy) to table and communicate with the neighbors to get consent. Carried.

Review Current Financial Statements: *Motion: (Neville, Lecy) to approve the financial statements. Carried.*

Chairman report: The newspaper wrote an article that was misrepresented. It failed to refer to the FAA funding needed to maintain the airport. Thinks the maintenance should be done every couple of years. So it doesn't look so drastic. Fiorato would like to see better communication with the community.

Airport report: Ed Pinkham and Patrick Strantz met last Sunday to discuss the airport plowing. Need to clarify that the South Ramp doesn't need to be plowed.

Set Next Meeting Date: January 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: *MOTION: (Neville, Lezy) to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre, Deputy Clerk