

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Approved: March 17, 2017

Call to order: The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Marty Franke at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call/quorum:

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, Marty Franke, Jon Neville, Brett Lecy, and Gary Chaudoir
Member(s) absent: John Cox

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting: *MOTION: (Neville/Lecy) to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016 as amended. Carried.*

Public comment: No comment

Review Year End Financials: Would like to see a breakdown of personnel wages and proposals for future lighting work. *Motion: (Neville/Lecy) to approve balance sheet and P/L statement. Carried.*

Commission Action to Enter into Leases for Hangars E1-E6: *Motion: (Lecy/Neville) to enter into leases for hangars E1-E6. Carried.*

Review Town of Gibraltar 1973 Ordinance Regulating Height of Structures and Trees/Additional Airport Tree Trimming:

The Commission phoned, Hal Davis, Diane Danielson and Aaron Stewart joined via teleconference. Somerhalder stated that this ordinance has been used in regards to antennas. This ordinance was created because the FAA required it at that time. Franke gave a summary of the ordinance.

Davis explained that the airport will lose access to instrument approaches at night and circling approaches will be canceled on runway 1-9. The ability to comply with grant assurances will also affect future funding.

The cost of relocating the threshold would be at the airports expense. The cost of redeveloping the approach could cost about \$50,000. If the airport doesn't have IFR it is still eligible for funding but the 20-1 requirement is a basic requirement for all runways.

Neville stated, the obligation of the commission is to provide a safe and financially sound airport in addition to consideration to the neighbors.

Lecy inquired if any other options were available with having 1 runway obstruction free and having one with some obstruction.

Neighbors Karl and Camilla Ross, expressed concerns over the loss of the buffer between their property and the airport. Several species of trees can be planted that don't grow to the tall heights. Cedar and Red Maple are types of trees that can create a barrier. Neville stated the Friends of E/G Airport would cover the cost. The BOA has an easement agreement that could be negotiated. A grant could be applied for to cover the purchase of the easement. Would like to request the Town and Village Attorney to review the ordinance

Motion: (Neville/Somerhalder) to have the Town and Village Attorneys review the Town/Village Height Ordinance for clarification and legal opinion. Carried.

Friends Report: Neville reported that membership is up to 60 members. The adopt a highway program is moving forward and the signs have been installed. In the spring and fall a group will organize for cleanup.

Chairman report: No report

Airport report: Last month we wanted to ask the contractor to grind the brush pile. They will burn the piles on their next visit. Aaron will include in the project cost. Patrick has been doing a great job with the snow plowing. Right now, the area between the hangars are really icy.

Set Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: *MOTION: (Somerhalder/Lecy) to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre, Deputy Clerk