

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Approved: June 15, 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, Brett Lecy, and Gary Chaudoir. Jon Neville via telephone conference.

Member(s) absent: John Cox

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting: *MOTION: (Neville/Lecy) to approve the minutes of January 19, 2017 as amended. Carried.*

Public comment: No comment

Kocourek Lease Amendment Request: The builders for Kocourek need to increase the size to 60'x66' to support the doors. The Town Board approved the lease pending approval of the change by the Airport Commission. The height of the hangar will not change.

Motion: (Lecy/Neville) to approve the increase in hangar size to 60'x66'. Carried.

Review Financial Statements: Would like to see a breakdown of town truck use and wages for maintenance. Will prorate new lease payments to February 1. The Airport was in the black this year, \$1685. May see a decrease in fuel cost in the beginning of April. Will need an advance for the fuel purchase from Town/Village. Franke will request to have the fuel purchase on the April town board meeting

Motion: (Neville/Lecy) to approve the financials. Carried.

Airport Insurance Renewal: Insurance costs have increased a couple of thousand per year, since 2012. The airport policy has three different areas of coverage: liability, inland marine, and property coverage. Would like the insurance agent to review that we are not over covered. McClone agency will be submitting a bid for airport coverage. Thomas/Pfeiffer has sold to David Insurance, Steven Chomeau. Lecy will contact Steve to discuss.

Chairman report: Franke reported that at the January meeting it was discussed to have the Town/Village attorneys review the height ordinance. He spoke with Collin Dahl regarding enforceability of the ordinance. The County adopted an ordinance that may supersede the Town ordinance. His opinion is that a judge would need to decide. A state statute exists pertaining to airport height limitations. The Village's attorney will research the State Statute. An easement would allow the airport to clear as needed.

Mrs. Ross stated that her property will lose an estimated \$50,000 in value. She had a phone conversation with Jon Neville and stated she would allow the cutting for a retribution of the lost value. Franke mentioned the Friends group has offered to plant new trees as a buffer. Neville stated the planting of the buffer could be done this year. The easement would also compensate for the decrease in property value.

Friends Report: Neville reported membership is at 76% of last year. Young Eagles is scheduled for May 20th. Another student may be interested in pilot training.

Airport report: AWOS system may have been vandalized. The sensor that determines cloud height may be damaged. A police report has been completed. Fencing may need to be considered. Hagen reported she received a call from a weather station. The temperature gauge is currently reading 62.1 degrees (note: it is currently snowing outside). Neville will contact AWOS for maintenance.

Set Next Meeting Date: April 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: *MOTION: (Lecy/Chaudoir) to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre, Deputy Clerk