

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY MAY 18, 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, Gary Chaudoir, Jon Neville, and Brett Lecy

Absent: John Cox

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

Approve minutes of previous meeting: *MOTION: (Neville, Lecy) to approve the minutes of April 20, 2017, as written. Carried.*

MOTION: (Lecy, Somerhalder) to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017, as written. Carried.

Public comment: None

Review Financials: The Commission reviewed the financials. Kelly will follow up with past due hangar leases. Fuel was delivered yesterday. Current price is lower than Sturgeon Bay and Marinette airports.

Motion: (Neville, Lecy) to approve the financials as presented. Carried

Remove from the Table Sam Healy Tour Operator Request: *MOTION: (Neville, Chaudoir) to remove Sam Healy Tour Operator Request from the table. Carried*

Sam Healy Tour Operator Request: Sam Healy joined the meeting via telephone. He has a Boeing Stearman Airplane and would like operated out of the E/G Airport. He stated the grass runway is perfect for his aircraft. Would like to start May 29th. Rates would be: \$190 - 20 min, \$250 - 35 min, and \$300 – Sunset Tour. Hours of operation would be 9 am – 7 pm (based on sunset). He is a Part 91 air tour operator. Flies at an altitude of 2500 ft. He stated the noise level isn't louder than any other 300 horsepower aircraft. Aircraft has capacity for 1 passenger up to 300 lbs. Will provide certificate of insurance. Has a commercial endorsement and drug plan in place. Hoping for 12 flights a week. Will market via website and DCVB. His total Flight time = 400 hours/ 40 hrs in the Stearman. Has been to Stearman training. Commercial status is pending. The Commission has concerns that his total flight time is low and has little experience in the Stearman. Marty will call Jeff Baum from the Watertown airport to obtain references.

Motion: (Lecy, Neville) to table. Carried.

Fencing AWOS Area: Marty contacted Aaron Stewart for specs of the fencing. Once specs are received would like to send out for bids. Neville does not support fencing and suggested a motion sensing camera.

Motion: (Lecy, Chaudoir) to table for further research into cameras. Carried.

Consideration of Hiring a Title Company to do a Search on Airport Height Ordinance: The ordinance and map are supposed to identify the height. The Registrar of Deeds may have a copy. Somerhalder will research, but it is possible that it was never recorded. A title company would be able to research quickly.

Motion: (Neville, Lecy) to spend up to \$250 on a title company to do a search on the airport height ordinance. Carried

Chair Report: Franke requested the Town and Village attorneys to research the height ordinance to see if it was enforceable. He spoke with the Town attorney. It is an old ordinance that may be questionable about enforceability. A state statute in place may supercede anything locally. Keith Kocourek had his attorney look into the ordinance. His legal opinion is that the airport has a valid and enforceable ordinance. Would like to schedule a meeting with the neighboring property owners to come to an agreement.

Friends Report: Neville reported they have a few new members. Young Eagles is the Saturday in conjunction with Armed Forces Day. Weather isn't looking very good. Sunday is the rain date.

The Adopt a Highway is looking for volunteers on May 24th. Meet at Nelson's at 12:30 PM.

Will begin planting trees on the SE corner, along Maple Grove Rd

Airport report: Clean up and sod repair is underway. New Holland needs to be cleaned after the hydraulic leak and winter. Fuel was purchased yesterday, 8500 gallons, cost -\$3.41/per gallon

Set Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: *MOTION: (Ley, Somerhalder) to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre, Deputy Clerk