

**EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Approval Pending*

**Call to Order:** The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Myrv Somerhalder, chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, George Hardiman, Don Freix and Arvid Munson  
Members absent: B.D. Thorp and Jim Blau

**Approve Minutes:** It was moved by Freix and seconded by Hardiman to approve the December 7, 2006 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Knox Boxes:** Somerhalder stated that at the last meeting Fire Chief Dan Stahl recommended a Knox box for each combined hangar row. If a box was located on an end hangar permission would need to be sought from the hangar owner. Using of the back of the electrical panels was mentioned. Somerhalder will check with the Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) and Wisconsin Public Service for direction. It was moved by Munson and seconded by Hardiman to delegate to Somerhalder the decision with whomever else for the appropriate location of the boxes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Airport Letter for Funds:** Discussion points centered on past letters having a zero net effect and letters being wrong in principle, as the municipality is a taxing authority. It was moved by Munson and seconded by Freix not to send out a letter for funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hangar Status:** No response has been received from Greg Socks to date. Richard Emmert has requested a name change on his current lease. Emmert will be offered a new lease with a rate of \$0.46 per square foot if he wishes to make the name change.

Hardiman stated the paragraph in the lease that references Consumer Price Index (CPI). It is an area where if the CPI was struck there could be increased revenues. FAA document #5160 allows recovery of operational expenses. This would be a reliable source of recurring income. Munson did not agree stating that CPI is an effective means of adjusting costs. Somerhalder stated that CPI was a BOA recommendation. Somerhalder stated that at the next meeting review of the current lease would begin.

**Airport Management:** The airport remains seasonally quiet. The AV fuel truck is being repaired at Keith's Automotive; the appropriate NOTAMS have been filed.

**Open Discussion:** Dave Burke spoke with Munson regarding the status of the scenic ride agreement. The blank contract has been approved by the Town Board and was forwarded to the Village for approval. Munson will contact Diane Kirkland.

Hardiman recommended reprioritizing grant requests, specifically the need for a U-Fuel. Somerhalder stated the request would need to go before the Town and Village Boards on a U-Fuel system and then forwarded to the state. There is the possibility of adding it into the maintenance building grant request. Lapin stated getting rid of the AV fuel truck would greatly reduce overhead. Hardiman added it would create a reduction in employee costs as well. Somerhalder stated an engineer would need to determine the location using their specifications and standards. Hardiman questioned if the commission was willing to reprioritize the maintenance building and U-Fuel system.

Somerhalder stated Homeland Security has grants for fencing. The currently requested fencing was for safety reasons.

Freix stated that the Department of Natural Resources website recommends airport environmental improvements such as solar collectors, etc. Freix recommended designing solar collectors into the maintenance building.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be no meeting in March. The April meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** It was moved by Munson and seconded by Hardiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer