

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER

Call to Order: The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Myrv Somerhalder, chairman at 7:06 p.m.

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, Don Freix, Arvid Munson and George Hardiman
Member absent: Jim Blau and George Reynolds

Minutes: It was moved by Munson and seconded by Freix to approve the minutes of September 20, 2007 and September 27, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Report: Hagen stated the season is winding down; as soon as the A/V fuel is gone the office will be closing for the season. Hagen thanked the employees for a great season and wished them well-deserved time off. Munson stated that rental cars would need to be revisited for next season. Somerhalder stated that pedestrian traffic is a problem along Maple Grove Road. This will be put on an upcoming agenda. It was moved by Freix and seconded by Munson to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Scenic Airplane Rides Report: Dave Burke met with Sharon Kellner for the required audit. Estimated gross receipts are \$20,000. Burke felt the season went well and most importantly safe. Freix asked what could be done by the Commission to help. Burke replied the use of an inside office area and a lower commission percentage or flat rate. Burke is looking forward to another year. It was moved by Freix and seconded by Hardiman to accept Burke's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Friends of Airport Report: Tim Halbrook reported there are currently 35 members in the group. Halbrook is working with an attorney to make the group a 501-C4. The group is working to schedule a fish boil fly in, a Young Eagles fly in and other events relative to Gibraltar's sesquicentennial. An economic impact study draft has given to the town and village to approve prior to release. The impact study was created by the State of Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics. Hardiman asked for the data that was supplied for the economic impact survey. The website is anticipated to be up in another week. The URL for the site is: www.friendsofephraingibraltar.com. Freix thanked the group for their efforts and the events that are being planned. Somerhalder stated that the group make a monthly report to the Commission on their activities. Minutes of the group's meeting will be forwarded to the town office. It was moved by Hardiman and seconded by Munson to approve the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Hangar for C-1: Steve Classon has returned a hangar lease that will be forwarded to the Town of Gibraltar and Village of Ephraim for approval in November. The size is 50' wide x 40' deep.

Maintenance Building: A pre-construction meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday. Somerhalder stated that an area 70' x 70' will be marked off for construction. Somerhalder will suggest exterior outlets for winter use by aircraft owners. Somerhalder stated the office area is too small and is going to check and see if it can be enlarged. Hagen stated it could not be changed without town and village approval. Somerhalder stated that with no employees in attendance it shows a lack of safety and security. Hardiman responded that is a matter of a personal interpretation. Somerhalder expressed concern that the FAA could potentially withholding funding.

Budget: The budget was approved by the Gibraltar Town Board and will be forwarded to the Village of Ephraim Board approval. Somerhalder stated that the Commission is so concerned with the budget that safety is security is being ignored.

Open Discussion: Ron Lapin felt that increased prices have been counterproductive. Somerhalder stated that attendants for the U-fuel could add additional income. Lapin suggested a pick up truck with a 500-gallon tank for additional full service fueling for an additional charge. Hardiman stated that after safety, financial responsibility is the next greatest charge. Hardiman stated it is only fair to the public to balance the budget. Hardiman a special assessment can be given to the hangar owners. Somerhalder stated that the state said that income was not to be made on the hangars only break even. Hardiman stated the FAA is very sensitive to an areas needs. Halbroom stated that due to poor management pilots have been driven away. Munson responded that the statement is in error, hangars have been added, improvements to the taxiway etc. Burke and Halbroom suggested that the friends rent the building for pilot use.

There is no “camping” allowed by the public at the airport.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15th followed by January 17th. There will tentatively be no meeting in December.

Adjourn: It was moved by Freix and seconded by Munson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer