

**EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

**Minutes:** *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Somerhalder to approve the minutes of October 18, 2007 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Airport Report:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**Friends of Airport Report:** Ron Lapin reported on events for 2008 (Young Eagles Fly In, EAA event). The Friends expressed the desire to use the old office building for a pilot's ready room. John Neville stated that there currently are 49 members and assets (membership dues, donations and startup funds) of \$3,050. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Munson to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Scenic Ride Contract:** Dave Burke requested the contract be for 5% of the gross receipts or a flat rate of \$1,200. Contract length of 2 years and use of the office. The anticipated lower cost of fuel negates the need to ask for a fuel discount. Burke stated he made a little over \$20,000 gross this year. Beth Hagen confirmed that the Town Clerk audited his accounting to her satisfaction. Munson stated that fuel cost would come down with the U-fuel system and has no objection to office use. Munson did state that he felt changing from 10% gross would be difficult. Hardiman stated that he wants to encourage Burke; he feels he is an asset to the airport.

Burke stated that Grizzly Scenic Air Tours would volunteer help to offset the deficit at the airport. Somerhalder received a letter from Burke offering volunteer help. Burke stated he would not be running set hours. Hours are weather dependent but approximately 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. for 40 hours per week. Hardiman encouraged commissioners to volunteer time at the airport.

*It was moved by Munson and seconded by Freix that the fee shall be 7.5% of gross, fuel stays the same and thirdly that the office can be used whenever there are employees there. Freix withdrew his second; Munson amended the motion to be "... employees or volunteers there." Freix second the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Blau and seconded by Munson to extend the contract for 2 years at the end of the current contract with a review at the end of the second year. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Budget:** Somerhalder reviewed anticipated year-end expenditures. Munson requested that expenses be forwarded to John Cox and Diane Kirkland in December to aid in planning. Somerhalder stated that the Village wants the annual figures/billing as soon as possible after the first of the year.

**Maintenance Building Report:** The well location has been changed to the northwest side of the building. The beacon wires had been hit by Harbor Construction and will be put back to their original condition at a cost of \$1,500. Harbor will cover the cost. The foundation will be completed by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Originally the BOA had planned a holding tank, the county is requiring a mound system.

**Economic Impact Study:** Somerhalder stated that the Village of Ephraim would approve the study after the Commission approves of the study. Munson stated the numbers reflect a best guess; even if the numbers were divided by 4 it would be good news. Hardiman agreed that it is a positive value and a good baseline for the next survey. Somerhalder stated there is no way to tell if the numbers are correct. The information supplied by the town was given from the annual report. Halbrook provided the take-off and landing information. Hardiman stated the information did not match the flight support forms. Somerhalder stated that 2 people per plane could be estimated for each support form. A line to be added on new forms would ask where someone is staying: condominium, own home or rental. Commission involvement and consideration needs to be taken in all activities of the Friends of the Airport. *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Blau to accept the study as written. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Open Discussion:** Lapin questioned the Commission's position on car rentals for 2008. Somerhalder stated it would be revisited after the first of the year. Somerhalder stated that property owners on Maple Grove Road are concerned about the number of people that are walking along the roadside.

Dave Burke asked if the Commission would consider renting the old office building to the Friends of the Airport possibly for the use as a flight preparedness room. John Neville asked in what other ways might the volunteers of the Friends of the airport could help out, fundraising, staffing, mowing, purchase of windsocks. Hardiman recommended leasing the building to the Friends of the Airport and training volunteers to handle car rentals.

Additional agenda items prior to spring are volunteer criteria and a report on the BOA seminar in Wisconsin Rapids.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2008.

**Adjourn:** *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Blau to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer