

**EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

**Call to Order:** The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Myrv Somerhalder, chairman at 7:11 p.m.

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

Myrv Somerhalder welcomed Dr. Mike McCutcheon as the new commissioner from the Village of Ephraim.

**Minutes:** *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Hardiman to approve the minutes of April 1, 2008 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Airport Report:** Beth Hagen stated that Ron Lapin and Bev Blietz have returned for the season. Our A/V fuel is competitively priced. The transition into the new office continues; the help given by the Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport (FOEGA) members in the move was appreciated. FOEGA is checking into a wireless internet service for their building.

**Six-Year Improvement Plan:** Somerhalder reviewed the improvement plan. An electric coded gate and fence were to be included in the original SRE building plan. The fencing will be functional security and aesthetic component. The balance of the funding is to be added in by the Bureau of Aeronautics for the self-fueling system. Development of a master plan is anticipated at \$25,000. The anticipated need for additional hangars will be included in the master plan and infrastructure for the next bank of hangars constructed in 2012. In 2009 the AWOS request will be deleted due to annual maintenance costs that make it prohibitive. In 2011 Runway 14/32 will need to be reconstructed along with the connecting taxiways and hangar area pavement. The deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> to submit the report. It will be forwarded to the town and village for their review and approval.

**Airport Operation Ordinance:** Somerhalder stated that the operation ordinance was created in 1992 when Doug McCain was the fixed base operator. This winter the operation ordinance and vehicle ordinance will be reviewed and updated.

**Volunteer – Employees:** There was a limited response to the newspaper ad for volunteers. Jon Neville will have FOEGA put out an e-mail request. Hardiman stated that a core group of volunteers would be very important transitional people.

**Tractor:** Somerhalder asked what the commission wanted to do with the old tractor. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Hardiman to keep the tractor until able to replace it. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Vehicle Ordinance:** Somerhalder stated that the Town of Gibraltar drew up the ordinance as the airport is entirely within Gibraltar Township. The original reason for the ordinance was for Eagle Harbor Air Service control.

**Old Airport Office Lease Update:** Somerhalder stated that Tim Halbrook has signed the lease and is being forwarded to the Town and Village for signatures. A copy of the required insurance coverage has been received.

**Pavement Evaluation Report:** Somerhalder reported that the pavement is in very good condition. This fall \$9,000-10,000 will need to be budgeted to seal cracks in 2009. The slurry that had been used previously is an inferior product. Maintenance will be asked to sweep.

**Open Discussion:** Freix questioned the capabilities of the new fueling system and the trend toward biofuels. Somerhalder will check with Dan Counselman.

It was the consensus of the commission to have meetings at the Gibraltar Town Center. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Hardiman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer