

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
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 7:02 p.m.

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

Minutes: *It was moved by Arvid Munson and seconded by George Reynolds to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Report: Beth Hagen reported the Maintenance Department is repositioning equipment and readying the buildings and grounds for winter. Jon Neville, representing the Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport (FOEGA), reviewed the accomplishments that the group has done in a little over a year. Representatives of the "Friends" have been working on publicity for the airport in the local media and Door County Living Magazine. It was mentioned that more exposure is needed in the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). The commission thanked the group for their outstanding work. *It was moved by Munson and seconded by McCutcheon to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.*

Somerhalder reported on the Airport Operations & Land Use Seminar. The following topics were discussed: new weather systems throughout the state, land zoning, geographical information systems, alternative fuels, limited snow removal equipment being available, wind turbines and other obstructions, minimum standards and wildlife hazards (seagulls being the most problematic).

Airport Vehicular Ordinance: The revisions to the vehicle ordinance were reviewed. Hangar owner permission to drive to their hangars was discussed. Vehicle traffic on the ramp could be addressed separately. The Standard Operating Procedures will be modified to include hangar owner permission to drive to their hangar. Could write permission in SOP's that hangar owners can drive to their own hangars. *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Reynolds to forward to the town the vehicle ordinance with the previous suggestions and the deletion of "Blanket-type authorization shall not be granted." In Section II paragraph 3. Motion carried unanimously.* The latest draft will be sent to the commission prior to the town board meeting via e-mail with the exception of Reynolds.

Hangar Owners Additional Charge: Somerhalder stated that he had spoken to a Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) representative at the seminar who stated that an additional facility fee would have to be an equal cost to each hangar and the hangar leases renegotiated. Somerhalder also questioned a number of managers about the use of facility fees in relation to the acceptance federal grant monies. Hardiman stated that Somerhalder misinterpreted the facilities fee. It is a surcharge to reach zero deficit which is allowed by the BOA. Somerhalder will have the town attorney look at the facilities use charge. *It was moved by McCutcheon and seconded by Munson to table. The motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Master Plan: Somerhalder stated that a master plan also includes height zoning and an environmental plan. A separate meeting will be held for airport layout planning.

Commission Chairman Appointment: Somerhalder stated that in September he had been reappointed for another term on the commission. As has been past practice nominations should be taken for the chair position. The floor was opened for nominations. It was moved by Freix and

seconded by McCutcheon to nominate Somerhalder for chair. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2009. General aviation traffic is down 30-50% nationwide per McCutcheon. Hardiman stated that according to Jon Neville and Dave Thomas approximately 90% of the aircraft parking has been paid. This contradicts earlier comments on the honor system. Hardiman stated that even though car rental commissions were down all requests for rentals had been filled.

Jon Neville stated that Warren James is considering donating a van to the FOEGA for courtesy use at the airport. It will be used on a first come first serve basis. FOEGA has checked with their insurance carrier regarding liability releases etc. Courtesy car availability is common at many airports. FOEGA is also planning on courtesy bicycles. Hardiman suggested the possibility of having FOEGA take care of ABC Car Rentals thereby further reducing of regular staffing needs.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Munson and seconded by McCutcheon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer