

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009
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. Somerhalder welcomed Jon Neville to the Commission.

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, Don Freix, Mike McCutcheon and Jon Neville (via conference call).

Member absent: George Reynolds and Arvid Munson

Minutes: *It was moved by Freix and seconded by McCutcheon to approve the minutes of February 2, 2009 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Report: Hagen stated the airport is seasonally slow. The “Priority 1 areas” of the airport have been cleared from the overnight snow. The balance of the areas will be cleared by 2:00 p.m. Thursday. Neville stated that he has been pleased with the winter maintenance.

Vehicle Ordinance Recommendation: Somerhalder welcomed Gibraltar Officer Andy Crowell to the meeting. Somerhalder stated the problem areas are primarily the grass/asphalt runways, sightseers and vehicle parking. Somerhalder stated that the entire parking lot cannot be by permit only because it was created with grant funds. Officer Crowell stated that as long as the parking area is posted it can be enforced. The posting should include by permit only and towing at owner’s expense. Further if any areas are allowed for unpermitted parking they can be designated with a “visitor parking” sign. In regard to the speed limit and coordinating forfeiture Officer Crowell recommended a speed limit for the entire airport property of 10 miles per hour. The recommended fine is \$10 plus court costs which is the least that can be charged. The total cost of a ticket would then be \$135.60.

It was moved by Freix and seconded by McCutcheon to approve the 2/18/09 draft of the Airport Vehicle Ordinance which includes a 10 mile per hour speed limit in Section 3 and a minimum forfeiture of \$10 plus court costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Somerhalder thanked Officer Crowell for his attendance and input.

Self-Fueling System: Somerhalder reviewed the system drawings with the Commission. McCutcheon questioned how many tie downs would be lost, 2-3. Neville stated that daily and annual maintenance costs and requirements will need to be determined. Somerhalder questioned how large the electrical panel will be. A meeting will be held at the airport office on March 5th at 11:00 a.m. The Town and Village Boards along with the Commission are encouraged to attend. Both David Montesinos and Dan Counselman will be present to answer project questions. Hagen encouraged the Commission members to review the plans and asked that any questions be forwarded to her. The questions will in turn be sent to Counselman prior to the meeting. Somerhalder stated that he spoke with Montesinos regarding funding status. No shortage is expected for the project.

Small Tractor Status: Somerhalder queried the Commission as to their thoughts on retaining the small Ford tractor and finish mower. Tim Biwer, Gibraltar Maintenance Supervisor recommended selling the unit. The commission agreed with the recommendation. *It was moved by Freix and Neville to sell the Ford tractor and mower and reserve the proceeds for the purchase of something to replace it at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open Discussion: There will be an open house at the Village of Ephraim office for Diane Kirkland's retirement and as a welcome for Charity Forsch the new administrator-clerk.

Adjourn: *It was moved by McCutcheon and seconded by Freix to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer