

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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 7:30 p.m.

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

Member absent: George Reynolds and Arvid Munson

Minutes: *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Neville to approve the minutes of February 18, 2009 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Report: Somerhalder reported that George Reynolds will be resigning his position on the airport commission due to health reasons. Reynolds is an Ephraim representative.

Airport Maintenance: The area behind and between the hangars has not been able to be maintained in its post hangar construction condition. The ground had not been leveled nor rocks and trees/stumps removed. Tim Biwer, Maintenance Supervisor recommended at last week's meeting that the area be cleared of trees, stumps, rocks and other debris, leveled and then sprayed for weeds. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Neville to have the Maintenance Department brush and clear the area between and behind the hangars making it level for mowing. Motion carried unanimously.*

Somerhalder asked if there were other pieces of maintenance equipment that are needed. A used riding mower (18 hp with 48" cut) had been recommended by Tim Biwer at a previous meeting. *It was moved by Neville and seconded by Freix that a used riding mower (15-23 hp with a 38-48" mowing deck, pending Tim Biwer recommendation/approval) be purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the 1944 Ford 9N tractor and Wood mower. Motion carried unanimously.*

Neville stated that generally the use of tetrahedrons is being phased out and the use of wind socks is taking their place. The Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport (FOEGA) is considering rebuilding the tetrahedron and using solar panels as power source for lighting. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by McCutcheon to approve the tetrahedron rebuild and the use of solar means for illumination. Motion carried unanimously.*

Original Lease Documentation: Reissue Hangar Leases: Original lease documentation is needed from A-1 Ephraim Flyers, A-5 Pete Newkirk and A-6 Bruce Artwick. Somerhalder reviewed the town attorney's opinion. The commission needs to vote on sending notice to the 3 hangar owners saying that if they cannot come up with a lease the commission will give them a lease to sign being a new lease. The primary difference in the original lease and current lease is the cost.

It was move by Freix and seconded by Neville to set a 30 day time limit to end on June 1 for the hangar owners to find their lease after which a new lease will be entered into. Motion carried unanimously.

Self-Fueling System: Somerhalder stated Harbor Construction will be blasting and excavating the site. The fill (2-3 truck loads) will be put at hangar site C-7. The telephone company has marked the underground telephone lines and Al Bernshein has marked the underground power lines. The line for the tetrahedron has been located as well. Somerhalder will tell Keith Bonville of Harbor Construction to tie off the power line for the tetrahedron as it will no longer be used.

Airport Signage: Somerhalder stated that more signage is needed at the airport. A recommended sign from Dan Counselman, Project Engineer was “No vehicles allowed” by the fueling system. Additional signage will be explored. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by McCutcheon to table until more information is obtained. Motion carried unanimously.*

2009 Airport Rates: Somerhalder stated the rate recommendation needs to go to the town and village for approval. Neville and McCutcheon recommended that short term aircraft parking fees begin after 4 hours but same day departure. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by McCutcheon to keep the rates the same as 2008 and change short term fees to begin after 4 hours with same day departure. Motion carried unanimously.*

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT FEE DESCRIPTION	2008 Rates	2009 Rates
Aircraft Parking - Long Term		
2 Weeks	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
1 Month	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
3 Months	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
6 Months	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
12 Months	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Aircraft Parking - Short Term		
Over 2 4 Hours Same Day Departure - All	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Overnight - Single Engine	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Overnight - Twin	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Overnight - Turbine	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Charter - All	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Automobile Parking		
Daily	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
1 Month	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
3 Months	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00
6 Months	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
12 Months	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
After Hours Calls		
1st Hour After Closing until Midnight	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
1st Hour After Midnight until 6 a.m.	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
1st Hour 6 a.m. until Opening	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Subsequent Hourly Rate	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Soda & Water	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00

Somerhalder stated he would like the commission to have the ability to adjust the profit margin. For the last 2 years the profit margin was set by the town board at \$0.65 per gallon. McCutcheon stated a

possible recommendation would be to ask for authority to set the fuel price at a competitive range to maximize the self fueling system. Money will be made by the sale of volume and in years to come. Neville stated if the commission is granted this authority the town and village boards would be kept updated with the price changes. *It was moved by McCutcheon and seconded by Freix that the Town and Village Board give the Airport Commission complete authority to price fuel within a competitive range in order to entice greater utilization of the airport and of the self fueling system. Motion carried unanimously.* McCutcheon will present the rates and recommendation at the May town board meeting.

Rental Cars: Somerhalder stated a motion was needed to have Young Automotive for the 2009 season. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Neville to have rental cars with Young Automotive for the 2009 season. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open Discussion: McCutcheon feels that this year is more a rebuilding year with the initiation of the self serve fuel, FOEGA providing bikes and courtesy van. It is not a year that a profit would be made but a year to entice new patrons in with proper fuel charges and keeping the rates the same to build to the future.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Neville to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer