

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 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 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, Jon Neville, Arvid Munson and Marty Franke

Members absent: Mike McCutcheon and Don Freix

Commission thanked George Reynolds for his service on the commission. The Village of Ephraim has appointed Marty Franke to complete Reynolds term. Somerhalder welcomed him to the commission.

Minutes: *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Neville to approve the minutes of June 18, 2009 as written. Motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Report – The self fueling system is fully operational. The office window shades were installed today.

Neville has received positive e-mails from visitors recently. The Flight for Life used the airport over the holiday for a medical emergency. The Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport have purchased a windsock that will replace the aging tetrahedron. The new sock will not be lit and will be approximately 12' high. The Friends will also be repainting the barrels.

Presentation of Recreation Plan: Brian Hackbarth, chairman of the Parks & Lands Committee stated the Committee wants to begin a dialog with the Town, Village and Airport Commission on improving the property. The improvements desired are in the idea stage but the Committee is using the 1995 Recreation Plan as a starting point. The plan had a soccer field, skating rink, basketball court, etc. The Committee has taken a look at all the town's available property for potential use without purchasing additional property. At this point the Committee would like to know if the Commission is in favor of letting the Committee do further investigation on improvements. Somerhalder stated in the past recreational uses beside the current volleyball court were located on the property. Munson stated this type of use would also be considered in the upcoming master plan update. Fencing would be needed to separate the recreation area from the aviation use portion of the airport. Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) and Transportation Safety Administration requirements and restrictions would take priority per Neville.

It was moved by Munson and seconded by Neville that the Commission agree with the Parks & Lands Committee to further investigate recreational facilities along the 1100 feet of airport property on Hwy. A. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Hangar Plan: Somerhalder stated that hangars were suggested on the north end of the paved runway by Dave Burke. Somerhalder checked with the building restriction line; originally it went through the first set of hangars then the line was manipulated to be moved to the rear of the first set of hangars. Somerhalder stated that several years ago he spoke to property owners along Hwy. A about locating hangars off Hwy. A. The property owners were opposed. Neville agreed it was not a good location for hangars. The best potential area for hangars would be to put a road in at the south end of the property on Maple Grove Road and locate hangars in the center between the paved and grass runways. Franke suggested for discussion: residential hangars, fly-in communities with loft apartments. Somerhalder will contact the BOA for their opinion. Neville felt the Commission needed to consider the option. The use of economic stimulus money was raised.

Branding of Aviation Fuel: Somerhalder stated he contacted several airports; there are a mix of branded and unbranded. BP has 20 airports in NE Wisconsin with 3-5 year branding contracts. BP and Phillips have designated tankers for A/V gas. If branded fuel is short you are assured of getting fuel. Partial loads are possible and no volume is required for pricing. A 4' x 4' sign is required to be displayed. Jeff Baum of Wisconsin Aviation is a friend of Franke; Franke will contact him for additional information. *It was moved by Neville and seconded by Munson to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Fuel Truck Sale: The Commission had previously committed to selling the A/V fuel truck. The question was when to sell the vehicle. The Commission agreed to place the required ads in the Door County Advocate for the sale with delivery no earlier than the conclusion of EAA. An ad will also be placed on Craigslist. It was moved by Neville and seconded by Franke to sell the truck at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Ephraim Flyers Lease for Hangar A-1: After reviewing all documents on file the Town Chairman recommended the following to the Commission: That a new lease be entered into between the Town, Village and the Ephraim Flyers for the remainder of original lease term dated October 10, 1985 between Dave Thomas Insurance Agency Inc and the Town of Gibraltar and the Village of Ephraim. The lease terms will be of those currently in use by the Town and Village and the rate will be equal to the 1985 lease with the added annual 5% increases. The new lease will expire October 10, 2015. This recommendation was thought by the Commission and Jeff Johnson, representative for the Ephraim Flyers to be an equitable solution. *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Johnson to enter into a new lease as previously discussed. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open Discussion: The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2009.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Neville and seconded by Franke to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer