

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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: 05p.m.

Members present: Myrv Somerhalder, Mike McCutcheon, Don Freix, Jon Neville, Arvid Munson and Marty Franke

Minutes: *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Freix to approve the minutes of July 16, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Report: The fuel in the truck will be pumped into the new system. Neville and McCutcheon agreed to increase the sale price of A/V fuel to \$3.999. The change will cover the cost of the fuel added from the truck. In response to numerous requests the restrooms are being left open 24/7. If the restrooms are abused/vandalized the previous "open" hours for the restrooms will be reinstated.

Door County Volley Ball League Request for Court Expansion: Lauren Bremer, president of Northern Door Volley Ball League is requesting to add another 30' x 60' court with 10' cushion on either side for a total of 30' x 80' due east of the existing courts. An additional 21' light post will be added on the eastern end. The court area would be excavated 4' to allow for 2' compacted and 2' non-compacted sand. The 2 current light poles are 35' high. The league will be doing all the excavation/construction. Due to the league's popularity they have had to turn away teams, hence the request for expansion.

Somerhalder and Munson have measured the area from the centerline of the grass runway. If the court is added directly east of the existing courts it will be encroaching on the offset but not on the building restriction line. The location of a pole would need to be determined in relation to the building restriction line. Another option would be to put the new court to the north of the existing courts. *It was moved by Freix and seconded by Munson to support the League expansion request pending the additional light pole not being inside the building restriction line of 360' from the centerline of the grass runway. Motion carried unanimously.*

Somerhalder thanked Mrs. Bremer.

Fuel Truck Update: No response has been received from last month's advertising in the Door County Advocate nor Craigslist. An ad will be placed in the Wisconsin Towns Association October publication.

Branded Aviation Fuel: Franke reported his findings from Jeff Baum owner of Wisconsin Aviation. There are about 6 branded fuel suppliers in the United States. Baum recommends being branded for the following reasons: assurance of fuel supply, no extra charge for partial loads and competitive pricing. Contracts will be requested for comparative purposes from BP, Hiller, AVFUEL and Phillips 66. *It was moved by Franke and seconded by Freix to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Airport Signage: Somerhalder stated that the new vehicle ordinance is in effect. Signage will be ordered to coordinate with the ordinance.

Airport Improvement Petition: Somerhalder stated a petition needs to be initiated for a master plan, seal coating the runway/taxiway and more hangars. A master plan is about \$25,000. There was no cost to the municipalities for the last seal coating. The runway is due for reconstruction in 2011-2012. Somerhalder stated he is not sure if money has been set aside for the master plan. The Bureau of Aeronautics does the master plan/Airport Layout Plan (ALP) through an engineering company under contract. Freix stated that he was under the impression that the state had mandated that the airport's master plan be updated to allow for the self fueling system to proceed and that funds had been set aside for the update. Somerhalder is unaware of the funding status. Somerhalder asked if there were any other requests to be included. Freix stated the new plan will include additional hangars. Franke requested a discussion on the length of the paved runway. Somerhalder stated that the current ALP shows an "ultimate future plan maximum" of an additional 650' paved extension to the runway for a total of 3350'. The new minimum for a paved runway is 3000'. The grass runway was 2600' at one time it is currently 2300'. A longer runway would open the airport to other businesses and that possibility is already at the state level. Neville stated that rather than fighting for the extension with a small potential for success it would be better to pursue additional hangars where there is a greater likelihood of public support and ultimate success. Franke stated if the new hangar area can be fast tracked it will make the airport more profitable. Somerhalder stated the petition for the master plan will be forwarded to the municipalities and then to the BOA.

Open Discussion: The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009.

The Friends of Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport will be having a cook out on September 10th at 6:00 p.m. The town and village boards as well as the commission are invited to attend. Attendees are asked to bring a pot luck dish to pass. The Friends will be painting the electrical building as promised earlier this year. Dave Thomas and Pete Newkirk will do the painting.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Munson and seconded by Neville to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer