

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014
9:00 A.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER

Approved: 9-18-14

Call to Order: The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Jon Neville at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call/Quorum:

Members present: Jon Neville, Martin Franke, Arvid Munson, Myrv Somerhalder, Don Freix and Gary Chaudoir.

Members absent: None

Also present: Aaron Stewart, OMNI Associates

Agenda/ Proper Notice/ Adopt Agenda: MOTION (Freix/Munson) to adopt the agenda as posted. *Carried*

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: MOTION (Somerhalder/Freix) to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014 as written. *Carried*

Public Comment: None

Review of Year-to-Date Income and Expenses: The Commission inquired about wages paid to date and fuel expenses owed to the Village of Ephraim and Town of Gibraltar.

AWOS Update: Neville reported a trench has been dug for electrical and sensing equipment is in the hands of Visala. The issue that currently remains is obtaining proper grounding of the electrical. The site currently has a 40 ohm reading; whereas, 10 ohms or less is required. Soil depth and limestone are factors. The additional grounding could run \$10,000-\$15,000 more. Airport may be liable for 5% of that cost. Maintenance crews have been working to clear the site. Lack of communication from the State, has lead to improper planning.

Additional Hangars: Aaron Stewart, from OMNI is present to discuss preliminary budget numbers for the new hangar area. The hangar expansion will result in the loss of some tie-down spaces. A cost of \$216,000 (for the orange hangar area) is a rough estimate to include 2ft of fill, barrow and electrical. The cost is estimated high, due to the amount of rock. The yellow area (taxiway and 15 space tie down area is roughly a \$1,000,000 project. The new tie-down area could be done in stages (5 tie-down spaces per stage) at an approximate cost of \$300,000 per stage. Neville inquired about using pulverized pavement from the Hwy 42 resurfacing project. Stewart stated that it would be a best case for lowering costs. Franke would like a budgetary number for 5 additional hangars; to bring to the Town/Village budget meetings, with the provision that we would be looking for a grant.

Motion: (Somerhalder/Chaudoir) to table until next month for future discussion. Carried.

Glojek RTTF Agreement Update: Agenda item not listed for action. The agreement has been approved by the FAA. The rent discussion has been the point of contention. The fee is based on long term tie-down cost. Glojek approves it. Munson is opposed, due to the issue as setting a precedent that he needs to rent his own land. An agreement is required for FAA compliance.

Finalize 2015 Budget: The Commission reviewed the budget spreadsheet and made recommendations.

Motion: (Freix/Munson) to approve the draft budget, to present to the Town and Village. Carried.

Chairman Report/Comments: Neville reported on the emergency landing at the airport. It has prompted the airport to create an emergency procedure/SOP, along with the Fire Department. New Holland is back in service and Tim cut the grass runway on Monday. Neville would like to have someone attend the Airport Operations and Land Use Seminar. Chaudoir will attend with Charity. A

webinar is also scheduled for Sept. 17th on Airport Compliance between 1-3pm. Kelly will forward the information to register online and dial-in.

Airport Report: Franke reported an inquiry was made on the New Holland Brush. He has been working with an airport, obtaining pictures and information. They will know more in 60 days, whether the sale will go through. Henderson's hangar door was damaged during snowplowing activities last winter. The panel has been ordered and will be replaced.

Friends of the Airport Report: Membership fees will remain the same.

Adjourn: MOTION: *(Freix/Somerhalder) to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre, Deputy Clerk