

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Approved: December 18, 2014

Call to Order: The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Jon Neville at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call/Quorum:

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: *MOTION (Franke/Somerhalder) to approve the minutes of October 16, 2014 as written. Carried*

Public Comment: None

Review of Year-to-Date Income and Expenses: Neville noted that the sale of the brush income and the reimbursement for the AWOS prep work should be reflected on the balance sheet and not the P&L. Kelly will adjust in Quickbooks. Neville and Franke inquired on Town truck use and maintenance staff expenses. 3000 gallons of fuel in the ground should last until June/July. Sales are trending down.

Review Bid for Riding Lawn Mower: Three bids were received for the riding lawn mower. They are all very similar. May's is \$1000 more, but the estimate does include delivery and pick up for warranty work and maintenance. Paulson Hardware came in with the best price.

MOTION: (Franke/Somerhalder) to accept the bid from Paulson Hardware and direct the Town Clerk to issue a purchase order for the lawn mower. Carried

Announce Resignation of Airport Commissioner: Arvid Munson passed away last Friday. He was an Ephraim appointment and has served since 1999. He was a major contributor to the airport and will be greatly missed. Two potential candidates have shown interest. It will be the decision of the Village Board.

Review Up North Helicopter Tour Proposal: Nathan Peters was unable to attend today, due to training. Up North has been doing tours in Baileys Harbor and they did the Fall Fest Ping Pong Ball drop. They are a reputable company out of Marinette. The Company does much more than tours alone, Neville suggested visiting their website. The contract would be the same as Grizzly, \$300 a year and fuel sales. The negative impact could be noise. They have not received complaints in other suburban areas, which they have operated. Only one complaint has been received when others have operated helicopters from the airport. The noise can be alleviated through approach tactics. Neville recommends a 1 year contract, which can re-evaluated after the first year, if issues arise. Friex asked roughly how many tours would be in/out on a daily basis. The helicopter tour can operate at the airport without a contract, as it is a public airport. Friex would prefer to see the actual proposal before forwarding to the Town/Village.

Motion: (Somerhalder/Freix) to approve the helicopter tour proposal. Carried, Freix opposed.

Chairman Report/Comments: This past Saturday, another "Friend" of the Airport, Joe Schimberg also passed away. He was a partner in the Pilatus. He too, will be sadly missed.

Neville requested the Commission consider 2015 Airport rates for the next meeting.

Airport Report: AWOS is working very well. A dew point sensor went out and was easily replaced. Static on the telephone line, may have been due to the amount of rain. Frontier has repaired. The plane from the August accident is still here. An invoice has been sent for parking fees. Neville and Kelly have been in contact with Wentworth. They have been made aware of the daily fees and added expense, if it stays through the winter.

Friends of the Airport Report: Notices were sent out on Nov 1st. So far, received 33 renewals. The Friends group needs to determine how to spend their money. Somerhalder suggested an open house in the spring. Neville is concerned about Aircraft Parking and safety.

Schedule Next Meeting: December 18, 2014 at 9:00 AM

Adjourn: MOTION: (*Freix/Franke*) to adjourn 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre, Deputy Clerk