

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2019
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Approved: May 16, 2019

Call to order: The Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport Commission meeting was called to order by Jon Neville at 9:10 a.m.

Roll call/quorum: Neville verified a quorum of the Commission was present.

Members present: Gary Chaudoir, and Myrv Somerhalder. Jon Neville and Jeff Drajesk via telephone conference

Absent: Marty Franke and Gary Glojek

Agenda/ proper notice/adopt agenda: *MOTION: (Chaudoir, Somerhalder) to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried*

Proposal to Fund Crackfilling/Sealing Project: Neville stated that Franke received a quote for approximately \$100,000 to seal and crackfill the runway. Need to get approval from the Town/Village and support for their 2.5 % funding. The state is pushing to get the project scheduled this year, to line up contracts with 8-10 other airports. Somerhalder stated that runways only get repaved every 20-25 years, so this regular maintenance is needed.

At a previous meeting, Franke proposed to have the Airport fund this year and ask the Town and Village to reimburse next year, if that works better for budgeting. It was suggested to let the Town and Village boards decide how to fund.

Motion: (Somerhalder, Chaudoir) to ask the Town and Village for funding of the crack filling and sealing project. Carried.

Tractor Maintenance: McCutcheon reported that the Ephraim Fire Department has asked the Town if they could use part of the garage for storage of their fire truck during construction. When they were at the garage they noticed the chain was off and other issues with the tractor. He is surprised and concerned by the level of maintenance and condition of the tractor. The engine was low on oil, fittings were not greased and the PTO shaft is broken. McCutcheon place a sign on the steering wheel notifying anyone else of the lack of oil.

Strantz explained that the losing oil under pressure and leaks oil in the field. The oil is checked and added prior to every use. He stated he is very aware of the grease fittings and greases daily. Strantz provided his log and images of services performed on the tractor. A plan of action has been made with Schartner's. Neville stated he would have liked to have been be made aware of the issues with the tractor and suggests getting Schartner's.

McCutcheon stated it is unfair to Strantz to determine the plan of action for the tractor and suggests the Commission be made aware of issues that could potentially be a huge expense. It would then be the Commission's responsibility to communicate with both municipalities. The oil leak is very concerning and the Commission and Boards need to be made aware.

Bill Johnson echoes McCutcheon and agrees that both the Boards need to be made aware of these issues. Strantz said issues are brought to the attention of the Town office and the Town Chair. Purchase requisitions are made and actions are taken.

McCutcheon stated these decisions need to be made by the Airport Commission. A better solution could have been decided on. McCutcheon also addressed concerns that these types of issues and decisions shouldn't be by Gibraltar alone.

Neville suggests having Schartner's inspect the tractor.

Strantz is working with Schartner's and monitoring the problem.

Somerhalder suggest contacting the BOA to see if other airports are having the same issues with their tractor. McCutcheon suggests also contacting New Holland. Neville knows of a New Holland Dealer in FonDuLac that may provide more insight on this unit.

Motion: (Somerhalder, Chaudoir) to have Schartner's immediately inspect the tractor. Carried.

Adjourn: *MOTION: (Sommerbalder, Chaudoir) to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre,
Deputy Clerk