

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
9:00 A.M.

Approved: June 20, 2019

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

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

Members present: Marty Franke, Gary Chaudoir, and Jeff Drajesk. Jon Neville and Gary Glojek via telephone conference

Absent: Myrv Somerhalder

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): *Motion: (Chaudoir, Drajesk) to approve the minutes from March 21, 2019, as written. Carried.*

Motion: (Neville, Drajesk) to approve the minutes from April 3, 2019, as written. Carried.

Motion: (Neville, Glojek) to approve the minutes from April 18, 2019, as written. Carried.

Consideration of Bo Ellis Proposal for Airplane Tour Service: Bo Ellis gave a presentation to the Commission proposing scenic air tours in an open-cockpit biplane. He is a professional pilot with United Airlines.

The commission discussed hours of flight time and the type of aircraft.

The Commission views it as a positive way to promote the Ephraim Gibraltar Airport. Kelly will forward a copy of the contract with Grizzly Scenic Air Tours to Ellis.

Chaudoir received correspondence in opposition of a scenic tour due to excessive noise, safety concerns and air traffic congestion.

At this time, Ellis anticipates only flying on the weekends when weather cooperates.

Will obtain sufficient liability insurance.

Motion: (Glojek, Neville) to recommend to the Town and Village boards support of the concept. Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion of Correspondence Received from Parrish's Attorney: Parrish's attorney sent a letter to the Town with the same concerns with the lease, as previously presented. Franke asked if Glojek may be able to have a conversation with Parrish's Attorney. Neville suggested a conference call with Glojek, Franke, Parrish and the attorney to clear up the misunderstanding.

Review Financials: The Commission reviewed the financials.

Chair Report: OMNI sent a budget estimate of the cost for runway and taxiway reconstruction with an upgraded lighting estimate. Anticipate the project to be approximately \$2 million. 95% is covered by state grants. The Town and Village need to be prepared for the potential cost during budgeting. Franke has been corresponding with Mrs. Kaczmarik regarding the land adjacent to the airport. The family is not interested in selling at this time. The village met last night to set a date for the public hearing. It will be at their next regular meeting.

Friends Report: Neville reported they are at 59 renewals and has put a request out for donations to offset the additional cost of the Friends building remodel. He would like to lower fuel prices for the weekend of the Young Eagle event.

Chaudoir reported the volunteers participated in the Adopt a Highway road cleanup yesterday.

Airport Report: No report

Payment of Bills: *Motion: (Drajesk, Chandoir) to pay the bills as presented. Carried*

Adjourn: *MOTION: (Neville, Drajesk) to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Murre,
Deputy Clerk