

EPHRAIM-GIBRALTAR AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
9:00 A.M.

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

Members present: Marty Franke, Tim Halbrook, Jon Neville, and Myrv Somerhalder. Jeff Drajesk (via Zoom), and Gary Glojek.

Absent: None

Agenda/ proper notice/adopt agenda: *Martin Franke verified the agenda was properly noticed. Motion: (Halbrook, Neville) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried*

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): *Motion: (Drajesk, Glojek) to approve the minutes from August 17, 2023 and August 29, 2023 meetings, as written. Carried*

Adjourn to closed session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (e) *Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session: Option, Lease, and Easement Agreement.*

Motion: (Franke, Neville) to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote "aye" Franke, Halbrook, Neville, Somerhalder, and Jeff Drajesk. Carried

Reconvene to open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take any action(s) or adopt resolutions on issues discussed in closed session. *Motion: (Franke, Neville) reconvene in open session. Carried*

Approve Action taken in closed session: *Motion: (Glojek, Neville). To terminate any future discussion on the solar farm matter. Carried*

Public Comment: Ken Smith wants to know why there is an extra fee or tax for renting an hangar. Will be a future agenda item.

Hangar Lease Updates: Drajesk said the three most recent changes have been approved, Ephraim Flyers, Pete Newkirk, and Eric Webster. Warren James is committed to having an aircraft in his hangar and then an inspection will occur. Approval by town and village for sublease arrangement and processes.

Consideration of Right of First Refusal for Hangar D-6, Midwest Rapid Transport: *Motion: (Glojek, Drajesk) to not refuse the purchase. Carried*

Consideration of Sale of hangar D-6 to Rich Bierman: *Motion: (Glojek, Somerhalder) to allow the sale of the hangar. Carried*

Consideration of Lease Agreement for hangar D-6 with Rich Bierman: *Motion: (Somerhalder, Neville) enter into lease agreement with Rich Bierman. Carried*

Airport Hunting Policy: Drajesk said Sturgeon Bay does this and the Town/Village can approve a week closed season where hunters need to register. Drajesk will reach out to Sturgeon Bay for procedure and then reach out to Mike Neal at the DNR. *Motion (Halbrook, Glojek) to get more information from Sturgeon Bay and decide next meeting. Carried*

2024 Parking Rates: The rates were increased last year for the first time in 5 years. *Motion (Glojek, Halbrook) to keep the rates the same for 2024. Carried*

Motion: (Glojek, Halbrook) to request from the Town/Village permission to manage the subleasing of the hangars. Carried

2024 Budget: *Budget discussion.*

Airport Report: Drajesk said we will have all 6 new hangars under deposit. Bierman will still build a new hangar. MIS system data was used for airport traffic for the last 2 years. The state will pay that fee. The invoice sent to the

charter company has not been paid, and Neville will contact them again. Washington island was added to our subscription, so they are installing marine and aviation equipment. A bat inspection will occur next week. No state agency can cut trees without a bat habitat assessment.

Friends Report: Had the friends meeting last night, all three of the sponsorship students are all wanting to take the next steps. Friends should be proud that we have enabled aviation careers in 3 local students. Krista Church just passed and is now a private pilot. Neville suggested alerting the Peninsula Pulse.

Review Payables: *Motion: (Neville, Glojek) to approve the bills to be paid. Carried.*

Adjourn: *Motion: (Neville, Glojek) to adjourn at 10:17 AM. Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk