

Grand Haven Airport Board - Minutes of the January 25, 2022 Meeting

Ben Ennenga called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Roll call by Board Secretary Denny Swartout Members Present:

Ben Ennenga

Chris Kostamo,

Denny Swartout

Rick Clapp

Dale Hagenbuch - Absent

Others Present:

Tom Manderscheid, City Liaison

Earle Bares, Airport Manager

Guests:

Jennifer Bares

First call to the audience: None

Board Minutes: Acceptance of the November 23, 2021 Board Meeting minutes. Motion by Clapp, seconded by Kostamo. Motion Carried.

New Business:

- Board discussed a request to hold the Messiah's Mansion Exhibit from July 12th to 25th on the airport grounds. Motion by Swartout, seconded by Clapp to decline the request.

Motion Carried.

- Board discussed a recommendation to approve the Fixed Base Operator Agreement with a term of 2022-2027. Contract language is the same as past agreement. Motion by Swartout, seconded by Kostamo to approve. Motion Carried.

- Board reviewed the proposed Aircraft Noise and Abatement Plan. Plan has been worked on for 2 years. If aircraft follow normal landing patterns they should comply. Earle stated we have more activity complaints than noise complaints. Rick questioned the need for the downwind pattern language and suggested it be stricken. Motion by Clapp, seconded by Ennenga to recommend approval of the plan with the one change and forward on to City Council. Motion Carried.

- Board reviewed the low bid from Five Star Commercial Roofing Inc. to coat/paint the hanger roofs in rows A,B, D and F at a cost of \$28,000. We were informed that quality materials would be used, the project aligns with the budget and the job would be completed by May. Motion by Swartout and Seconded by Kostamo to recommend the low bid be approved by City Council. Motion Carried.
- Board discussed the request from the City to review the SWOT listing and offer comments or additions. Board had no recommendations or suggestions.

Old Business: None

Airport Manager Report: Earle Bares

- Airport activity in 2021 was down 24% with 1,700 fewer operations from the previous year. Runway and taxiway crack sealing and paint marking to take place this summer at a cost of \$45,000.
- Projects completed last year included completing runway 09/27 rehabilitation, east side tree trimming and/or removal, and small tree clearing.
- Projects for the coming year include runway and taxiway 18/36 maintenance and tree trimming, hanger roof painting, and fuel farm credit card reader.
- Earle stated that we have a need for more hangers and box hangers are the best option. Row H replacement would cost nearly \$860,000. Rick Clapp suggested the City look at bonding for any new hangers.
- The Manderscheid room has been repainted along with other parts of the terminal building.

Administrative Liaison Report: Tom Manderscheid

- Accounts Receivables over 30 days as of January 20, 2022, is zero and the fund cash balance is \$74,467.74.
- The City of Grand Haven has applied for additional Airport funding of \$13,000 from MDOT AERO. The Finance Department has prepared the proper paperwork. We were recently informed that the information was reviewed and sent to the next level. We are anticipating a \$13,000 payment to the Airport fund soon.

- City has send an e-mail back to MDOT AERO expressing interest in obtaining an additional \$32,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. MDOT acknowledged our interest. On December 14, 2021 the House-Senate Conference Committee officially approved the \$169M in ARPA grant funds for airports and both the Senate and House overwhelmingly approved.
- the FAA has placed in writing that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$15 billion for airport related projects as defined under the existing Airport Improvement Grant and Passenger Facility Charge criteria. The money can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects. The City of Grand Haven should be receiving \$159,000. Stay tuned.

Second Call to the Audience: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.