

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023

Chairperson Ben Ennenga called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Roll call by board secretary Richard Clapp. Members present: Ben Ennenga, Dale Hagenbuch, Richard Clapp, Denny Swartout, Tricia Harrell (absent)

Others Present: Earle Bares, Airport Manager

Guests: Mark Linn, Brian Green, Jennifer Bares, Tim Price, Roland Ashby.

First Call to the audience:

Jennifer Bares, trunk or treat, October 28th, 2-4p. Bring Candy

Earle

Board Minutes:

Approval of August 22, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Swartout, seconded by Clapp. Motion carried

New business:

Review of MDOT meeting.

Main takeaway: We are still operating under a basic utility license, valid until 11/30/23. Our goal is to get the general utility license back by 11/30/23. Tree removal needs to be completed. The airport manager does not know if this will be complete by the end of October. Says we are waiting on the Prein & Newhoff contract to do survey work.

Tim Price said he would let Ashley know about this issue.

Our provisional airport license is only good through the end of November. MDOT said they will extend.

Interim use of hangar space letter needs to be sent again. MDOT stated That the last letter received was from 10/13/17. A new letter needs to be sent to Michael Caravan. This specifically regarding hangar rows B & C. We have to send a new letter request every three years. Tim Price indicated that he will have Ashley look again. Earle said he will take the lead on this and write a letter.

Next planned drone survey by MDOT will be in 2025.

We are stuck waiting for Prein & Newhoff to get their contract renewed. We are dependent on the city renewing the contract.

Old business:

None.

Airport manager report: Earle Bares

Projects

Credit card terminal project is ongoing. Waiting on new terminal. Number three on waiting list.

South approach tree trimming delayed until late October due to Oak Wilt concerns.

“A” row hangar roof painting continues.

Maintenance hangar and interior work room painting, status unknown.

Security, safety, and noise abatement

Aircraft flight path, skydive short approach, East side complaint.

Notams

3 current Notams

Airport operations and activity

Record breaking fuel sales in August.

3,625 Gal. Jet A; 2,206 100 LL; 5831 Total Gallons fuel sold in August.

Increased airport activity

Fuel prices continue to climb.

133 Tie downs in August.

60 Aircraft on the field.

40 on waiting list., ½ may be somewhat serious, 5 considered very serious.

Fuel farm ground wire problem.

New fuel nozzle dragged across the ground.

Administrative Liaison Report:

Airport Cash balance: \$350,781.

Second call to the audience:

Tom Mandersheid asked about the status of the the airport maintenance person, Doug Formsma. Earle Bares states that Doug will be leaving Sunday.

Adjournment: Motion by Swartout, seconded by Hagenbuch at 6:22 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp

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