

## **Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes February 25th, 2025**

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

Roll Call: Richard Clapp

**Members present:** Dale Hagenbuch, Richard Clapp, Ben Ennenga, Tricia Harrell

**Others Present:** Earle Bares- Airport Manager, Tom Mandersheid- Airport Liaison

**Guests:** Jennifer Bares, Mayor Robert Monetza, Roland Ashby

The Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting on February 25, 2025, covered various topics including the approval of previous meeting minutes, airport projects, safety and security issues, and financial updates.

### **First Call to the audience**

- Jennifer Bares, 14981 Briarwood Street- We have the trunk or treat, and the dawn patrol approved by the city. Dawn Patrol will be at the airport at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Our current focus is on dawn patrols. We are planning these activities, including breakfast arrangements and organizing silent auction items. We want to get volunteers and get things going.

### **Minutes:**

- Acceptance of 1/28/25 meeting minutes
- Motion by Ennenga
- Motion carried with unanimous support

### **New Business:**

- Daycare Facility Discussion: The board discussed the construction of a daycare facility adjacent to Runway 9/27, expressing concerns about safety, future airport expansion, and potential grant impacts.

*Resolution: The Grand Haven Airport board members, in a vote taken February 25, 2025, oppose the construction of a daycare facility at the airport location, a vote was taken, and the motion was carried with unanimous agreement from those present.*

- Draft language into the minimum standards to support land lease contract and minimum requirements for hanger structure and apron. Send comments/input to Ben for review at next month's meeting.
- Establish standards on purchase of weather station: There was a discussion about the Say Weather System, including the possibility of excluding the barometer to save on costs and maintenance. Also discussed the disruption to aircraft communications on the common traffic advisory frequency by the Say Weather system.

## **Old Business:**

### **Airport Manager's Report:**

Airport Manager Earle Bares reported on several projects, including the rehabilitation of Runway 18/36, crack sealing, and the replacement of the C Row hangars. We have been awarded two state grants totaling \$100,000 for crack sealing and fuel pump replacement. These grants are 100% funded by the state.

### Projects

- Runway 18/36 rehabilitation project, proceeding, work expected to begin late this summer.
- Crack sealing, pavement and repainting, (not inclusive of runway 18/36), 41,000 feet of crack seal; 26,000 square feet of white paint, 21,000 square feet of yellow paint, and 500 square feet of black paint.
- Jet A and 100LL fuel pump replacement project: We will replace the existing pumps and install two new pump dispensers. This includes updating all system components to current codes, revising fuel pump foundations, and mountings. Additionally, we will address any filtration updates required by current standards.

### Safety & Security

- No noise complaints, no wildlife reports.
- 6 replacement orange balls ordered by the BLP, not centered properly.
- 1 Notam

### Airport Operations & Activity

- 74 Log Entries
- Fuel sales were better than last year, but below average for the last five to ten years
- Fuel Sales were 242 Gal. 100LL, 0 Gal. Jet A
- 58 Aircraft home based on the field.
- Worked on 0 aircraft, no flight instruction

- Hangars are fully occupied
- Runway edge lights that still have to be repaired, one REIL.
- 39 people are on the hangar waiting list, but it is estimated 6 to 10 are ready to move in.

#### Airport Facilities

(n/a)

#### **Airport Liaison Report:**

Accounts receivable over 30 days, good shape.

Airport Cash balance: \$405,000

#### **Second Call to audience:**

Roland Ashby, 15003 River Bluff Place: Observed the Say Weather system at Ottawa Executive airport. Observed that it was “nowhere near as annoying as I thought it would be.” Five to six seconds of frequency usage. Unless you have a bunch of traffic going in there, it would not be an inconvenience. Another observation was regarding the proposed daycare center at Shape Corporation. A left downwind to runway 18 takes you right over the top of the proposed daycare center and would create noise.

Mayor Robert Monetza: Regarding your proposed minimum standards amendments, it is advisable to avoid specific numbers. Aim for general standards that require minimal specifics, ensuring they are sufficient without detailing exact figures.

#### **Adjournment 7:36 pm**

#### **Motion to adjourn, Ennenga**

#### **Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp**