

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024

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

Roll Call: Richard Clapp

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

Others Present: Earle Bares, Airport Manager and Tom Manderscheid

Guests: Bob Monetza

First Call to the audience

Earl Bares- Grand Haven Aviation Association, Airport open house on June 1, 2024 with Dawn patrol breakfast. 75th anniversary of the airport with breakfast and lunch. Will feature six performing aircraft.

GHAA simulator is up and running.

Aviation Career camp (ACE), will be putting together more details

February chapter EAA 211, Gary Vandenberg presented.

Young Eagle flights will take place at the airport open house June 1 sponsored by the EAA.

February 2024 Minutes: Approval of February 27, 2024 Minutes

Motion to accept the February minutes by Swartout, seconded by Hagenbuch. Motion carried.

New business:

Lengthy discussion regarding what hangars to design.

Jon Van Duinen, Senior Airport Engineer- Prein & Newhof, informed and answered our questions.

- We have four years to spend bipartisan infrastructure law monies.
- 2024 should be design spending.
- We can do a couple box hangars and 4-6 unit T-hangars.
- Jon mentioned some hangars may be hybrid to accommodate larger aircraft.
- Its possible to have a box hangar on the end of a T-hangar.
- Safe bet to have a hangar to accommodate a Pilatus.

- Denny- Likes large hybrid with T-hangar idea
- Dale- Box hangar at end of T-hangars
- Ben- Eliminate C row with new T-hangars
- Rick-Point of info, King Air requires at least 14 foot 10 inch high door. Also mentioned aesthetics be maintained. Big box hangars should face South for accessibility
- Jon mentions that its really common for airparks to own T-hangars, and its really common for bigger box hangars to be land leases.
- Jon recommends building as many T-hangars as we can, and let other people build the box hangars.
- Tom to talk to Ashley, (City Manager) about talking to the city Attorney about getting a land lease longer than 10 years. Tom to find out.
- Ann Arbor lease is 10 plus 10 years for a total of 20 years.
- Jon-in his experience, “you can’t build enough infrastructure to support the demand.” Box hangar lease should be priced high enough that not everyone will want to build a box hangar.
- 42 foot, 44 foot, or 48 foot? -discussion. Earl says a 44 foot door accommodates a lot of planes. Jon highly recommends a bi-fold style door. Fairly expensive but a much better option.
- Summary, with the money we will have available, we should build a six unit T-hangar where C-row is.
- Tom mentions we need more discussion on land leases

Old Business: (none)

Airport manager report: Earle Bares

General Utility License has been granted to the airport.

Activity

Activity was down year over year.

Projects

Hangar roofs, maintenance floor painting contracts have been signed. Work to begin shortly.

N/S Runway rehabilitation. In the MDOT schedule. \$42,000 budgeted and is grant eligible.

Construction of new hangars. (fall)

Painting of outside of hangars.

STILL waiting for MDOT to draft a letter for interim use of hangar space. MDOT said they will do it when they "get around to it"

No lead avgas still being researched by the FAA, but not expected to be instituted anytime soon

Earl mentions that we should be aware of VTOL aircraft for the future

Fuel sales & Operations

- Fuel sales were average for this time of year
- Fuel prices going up recently
- Flight instructor has started
- Spring maintenance items are complete
- Fuel hose reel swivel has been replaced

31 log entries

Fuel Sales were 524 Gal.

61 Aircraft home based on the field.

Worked on 0 aircraft.

Phone calls are down

Hangars are fully occupied.

Airport Facilities

Southside of terminal fascia, still not repaired from last month.

Safety & Security

1 current NOTAM

Airport Liaison Report:

Airport Cash balance: \$335,545.

Receivables under 30 days, \$23,514 which is due to timing and receipt of hangar rents.

Budget looks good

Runway design cost for runway 18/36 has been adjusted from \$42,000 to \$48,000

Second call to the audience:

Mayor Bob Monetza discussed land lease, 10 year contract interpretation.

Adjournment: 6:52 pm

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp