

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes August 27, 2024

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

Roll Call: Richard Clapp

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

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

Guests: Jennifer Bares, Tom Howard, Mayor Bob Monetza, Doug Furton, Asst. City Mgr. Tim Price

First Call to the audience

Jennifer Bares discussed the upcoming Trunk or Treat event and the need for volunteers. October 26th 2-4p. 9000 expected. Each person requested to bring 1000 pieces of candy. GHAA is a 501c3 so save your receipts for tax purposes as donations.

GHAA participated in the August 3rd Coast Guard parade.

July 11, 2024 Work Session Minutes & July 16, 2024 Minutes:

Motion to accept the July 11 & 16, 2024 minutes by Clapp, seconded by Swartout. Motion carried.

New business:

- **Election of officers**

Nomination for Secretary: Motion by Hagenbuch, seconded by Ennenga for Rick Clapp to be secretary. Motion carried.

Nomination for Vice Chairman, Motion by Ben, seconded by Tricia for Denny Swartout to be Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

Nomination for Chairman: Motion by Rick, seconded by Hagenbuch for Ben Ennenga to be board Chairman. Motion carried.

- **2025 Meeting Dates, the 4th Tuesday of every month with the following exceptions:**

- July 15th, 3rd Tuesday
- December 16th, 3rd Tuesday

- **Camping-** Presentation by Tricia Harrell. Location defined on airport diagram. Fire pit discussed. Proximities to fuel noted.

Motion to proceed with permitting and dates for airport camping by Harrell, Seconded by Clapp. Motion passed, 3-2

Old Business:

Preparation of land lease presentation for city council: Delayed due to technical difficulty.

Recommendation on T-hangar dimensions. 42' Wide, 32' Deep, 12' Height. Bi-fold doors. Fully Nested.

Motion made by Denny Swartout and seconded by Rick Clapp to submit to John Vanduinan to put a quote together for a fully nested T-hangar row to replace C-row of the dimensions: 42' Wide, 32' Deep, 12' Height. Bi-fold doors. Fully Nested. Motion passed.

Airport manager report:

Activity

Activity and fuel sales have picked up over the past several months.

Projects

Completed yearly hangar inspections

Mowing up to date

N/S runway rehabilitation project is progressing

Updating the capital improvement plan with C.I.P. to include rehabilitation of the taxiways and build a six unit t-hangar.

No deer reports or wildlife reports. Earle has received no wildlife complaints.

Safety & Security

No noise complaints

Earle has received no wildlife complaints.

Three orange balls missing on high voltage power lines at 160th avenue. BLP has been advised.

2 Notams

Fuel sales, Operations, Activity

- Fuel sales, 2nd highest fuel sales, for any month ever.
- Fuel prices 100LL steady, Jet A remains steady.
- Flight instruction slow, 1 flight instructor.

No noise complaints

506 log entries

Fuel Sales were 2300Gal. 100LL, 3877 Gal. Jet A, slightly ahead of last year.

58 Aircraft home based on the field.

A few hangar doors needed repair

Worked on 3 aircraft.

Hangars are fully occupied and adding more people. 6 very interested parties.

Mechanic and flight instructor on call and available.

Airport Facilities

Maintenance hangar- Blockage in roof drain, not yet repaired but have not had a problem with it.

Fuel farm filter being monitored closely.

Airport Liaison Report:

Accounts receivable over 30 days is \$2269

Airport Cash balance: \$332,697

We were close to our budget.

M.A.P. Meeting will be Oct. 9 at 1:30p via Microsoft Teams meeting

Second call to the audience:

Tom Howard- "Exciting times at the airport. Camping is a good idea, sounds great. New hangars are exciting. What is the status of the No-Lead fuel. How many people are bringing in their own fuel? "

Earle- Approximately 500 Gallons is being brought in privately.

Doug Furton- "All in favor of camping, if you need help organizing, let him know. Fuel pump Shuts off before the transaction is complete. Also, the fuel pump does not shutoff when handle is released resulting in spillage.

Earle-Indicates that the fuel nozzle is fixed.

Doug Furton- "This is a concern, as helicopter pilots who are unfamiliar have been observed spilling fuel on their hot engines. Concerned about spoiled fuel sitting in a barrel derelict after two years. It is stored in a blue barrel on the NE corner of the barn. Only has PVC cap. Sees deer on the runway nearly every time he flies. It is a problem."

Earle- "Have not received any reports of Deer."

Doug- "I'm reporting the deer problem at this time"

Tim Price- Discussed land leases all being reviewed by counsel. Discussed how to present this to city council. Offered his assistance.

Adjournment: 7:07 pm

Motion to adjourn: Ennenga, seconded by Swartout

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp

