

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024

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

Roll Call: Richard Clapp

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

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. 11000 people expected. Each person requested to bring 1000 pieces of candy. GHAA is a 501c3 so save your receipts for tax purposes as donations. 616-842-4430, ask for Jennifer.

Minutes:

Motion to approve 08/27/24 minutes; Motion by-Swartout, Seconded by Clapp

New business: (none)

Old Business:

- Land lease presentation for city council:
- **Private Hangars-** Presentation by Dale Hagenbuch and Tricia Harrell. This is to be presented to city council.
 - Mentioned differences between T-hangars and box hangars. T-Hangars are better suited for smaller aircraft
 - There is a consistent waiting list of people currently waiting for available hangar space.
 - Discussing of MOSAIC, a program from the FAA, will create additional demand for hangar space.
 - Financing for T-Hangars will be afforded by Bipartisan infrastructure law grant (BIFL)

- Net revenue from privately built hangars will be virtually identical to hangars built with public funds.
- Recommending that the city approve land leases for private construction of hangars.
- Term of 30 years with ownership transferring to the city after 30 years. Dale Hagenbuch
- Projected revenue of \$3000/yr.

Questions:

What happens to the hangar if it falls into disrepair? Ans.- Details will be in the lease and examples will be taken from other airport box hangar leases.

What will be the cost to the city to tear them down after 30 years? Ans.- If it had to be torn down, that would mean that it fell into disrepair which also means inspections were not maintained.

What is the max number of hangars that could be built at this airport? Ans.- 25

Airport Camping- presented by Tricia Harrell, mentioned compliance with any MDOT requirements.

Airport manager report:

Activity

Activity and fuel sales average for this time of year.

Earle mentioned fiscal performance of 3GM. We are doing quite well. Selling 5x the fuel as opposed to 9 years ago.

Projects

Fuel farm upkeep maintenance just completed.

Blue fuel barrels disposed of.

N/S runway rehabilitation project: expecting to bid out soon, with returned bids in December 2024.

Six-unit t-hangar to be constructed on C row. Fully nested.

Fall/ Winter maintenance items underway

Snow Fence replacement parts ordered

Safety & Security

2 Noise Complaints, Sunday, 9/22/24. Both parties have been spoken to.

Earle has received no wildlife complaints.

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

2 Notams

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605 log entries

Fuel Sales were 1931 Gal. 100LL, 3163 Gal. Jet A, slightly ahead of last year.

58 Aircraft home based on the field.

Worked on 4 aircraft.

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

Mechanic and part time flight instructor on call and available.

Airport Facilities

Maintenance hangar- Blockage in roof drain seems to be resolved.

Fuel farm filter being monitored closely.

Questions:

Richard Clapp- How was the tainted fuel disposed of? Earle Bares- Individuals took it. Clapp- Who were the individuals? It is relevant to know who and how this fuel was disposed of.

Chairman Ennenga- Not relevant, let's move on.

Airport Liaison Report:

Accounts receivable over 30 days is \$2269

Airport Cash balance: \$349,000

Fuel Sales: \$56,000 as of September 18.

Hangar Rent: \$81,759 budgeted \$161,500

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- "Where do we stand on becoming a regional airport?" Ben Ennenga- "We are a municipal airport" Earle- 80,000 operations to be considered a regional airport.

Tim Price- "Please provide a hangar land lease example."

Doug Furton- "I agree with Rick, I would like to know where the fuel..." Chairman Ennenga- "Its been removed from the airport and that's all you really need to know." "It will be disposed of properly by the individuals that took it."

Denny Swartout- "Relative to the camping issue, at the last meeting we had a motion to move forward with permitting dates for airport camping. Do we have authority to do this?"

Adjournment: 6:34 pm

Motion to adjourn: Ennenga.

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp