

## Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes October 22, 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, Doug Furton, Roland Ashby

### First Call to the audience

Jennifer Bares discussed the upcoming Trunk or Treat event and the need for volunteers. October 26<sup>th</sup> 2-4p. Arrive at noon, if volunteering. GHAA is a 501c3 so save your receipts for tax purposes as donations. 616-842-4430, ask for Jennifer.

Doug Furton, will the airport remain open on Saturday during trunk or treat. Are the airport board minutes posted online for the past few months?

### Minutes:

**Motion to approve 09/24/24 minutes, no approval pending amendment.**

*Amendment requested to 9/24/24 Minutes to reflect correction to erroneous fuel sales:*

#### Fuel sales, Operations, Activity

- *Fuel sales, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest fuel sales, for any month ever.*
- *Fuel prices 100LL & Jet A are leveling off.*

*Two noise complaints*

*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.*

**New business:** (none)

**Old Business:**

Hangars update: Discussion of editing of slide presentation to not include T-hangars. Dale and Tricia to email an updated presentation to the board for our input.

Camping: Question by Denny Swartout regarding update of camping.

Tricia is requesting information from the health department and MDOT, regarding camping. Tom M. explained how to proceed with moving forward with airport camping. Hoping for better update next meeting.

**Airport manager report:**

Earle discussed tree clearing, part 77 surface, and the capital improvement plan.

- Tree clearing, “We always try to clear trees to the FAA Part 77 requirements.” Tom mentioned adding \$30k to the budget for tree clearing for next year.
- Taxiway rehabilitation

Projects

- Fuel farm upkeep maintenance just completed.
- Blue fuel barrels disposed of by Crystal Clean Co.
- 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.
- Winter maintenance items underway

Safety & Security

- No noise complaints, no wildlife complaints
- Three orange balls missing on high voltage power lines at 160<sup>th</sup> avenue. BLP has been advised, they say “we will get to it”
- 2 Notams

Airport Operations & Activity

- Winter airport maintenance items underway, putting up snow fence.
- 460 log entries
- Fuel sales average for this time of year
- Fuel Sales were 1976 Gal. 100LL, 2200 Gal. Jet A
- 59 Aircraft home based on the field.
- Worked on 2 aircraft, no flight instruction
- Hangars are fully occupied

### Airport Facilities

(n/a)

### **Airport Liaison Report:**

Accounts receivable over 30 days is: \$5406

Airport Cash balance: \$358,391.38

### **Second call to the audience:**

Doug Furton- "Unusual that the door is always locked to the terminal, no signs directing to a bathroom, no public Wi-Fi, thinking of things that would make the airport more pilot friendly."  
"Coffee available".

### **Adjournment: 6:57 pm**

Motion to adjourn: Clapp, seconded by Ennenga

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

