

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes November 26, 2024

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

Roll Call: Ben Ennenga

Members present: Denny Swartout, Ben Ennenga, Tricia Harrell

Excused-(Dale Hagenbuch, Richard Clapp)

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

Guests: Jennifer Bares, Derek Gajdos, Roland Ashby, Doug Furton, (unknown)

First Call to the audience

(None)

Minutes:

Motion to approve 09/24/24 and 10/22/24 minutes. Motion by Swartout and seconded by Harrell.

New business:

Metronet Easement: Perpetual easement by Metronet fiber network in the NE corner of the airport presented by Gaydos from public works. 5 ft. tall equipment cabin structure. Recommendation to Grand Haven city council to approve a 12 ft. by 30 ft. perpetual easement to Metronet to place a fiber-optic utility cabin on the NE corner of the airport property. Motion to accept -Swartout, seconded by Ennenga. Board approved. Motion accepted unanimously.

Dawn Patrol: Recommendation to Grand Haven City Council to approve June 7, 2025 Dawn Patrol open house from 8am-2pm. Motion by Swartout, seconded by Harrell. Unanimously approved.

2024 Trunk or treat discussion by Jennifer Bares: Thanking those that participated. The most people they have ever had. Estimated we handed out 80-90k pieces of candy. Tom Mandersheid mentioned that Public Safety could have had more than one officer.

Recommendation to Grand Haven City Council to approve October 25, 2025 Grand Haven Airport Association airport trunk or treat event. Motion by Swartout, seconded by Harrell.

Annual safety and security report, Earl Bares: Nothing changed over the last year. No new requirements. Nothing to report regarding runway incursions. We have an airport watch program at the airport. We adhere to flight training requirements for identification and certification. Airport access mentioned. Discussed how to secure the airport by proper signage. Approaches, airspace, construction and landing mentioned. Other items include cranes, drones, electrical interference, and seller disclosures. Manager is reviewing this on a continuous basis. Local factories are very aware of airport notification of cranes. The airport has an emergency plan. Construction and zoning under review regarding construction near the airport. Safety concerns are reviewed and programs are in place to address the issues.

Tom Mandersheid: Added, "Please follow through with city to be sure form 7460 gets filled out regarding construction."

Noise abatement report: Reviewed every year. There has been a year over year increase in airport activity. Grant assurances state the airport is for public use. All aircraft are certified to the FAA noise standard. We have a voluntary noise abatement program. This year we have only received 6 complaints. Each person was talked to. Aircraft noise levels are included in the report.

Board-member Harrell departs.

Meeting adjourned due to the lack of a quorum per the Open Meetings Act.

Next meeting December 17, at 5:30.

Adjournment: 6:02 pm due to lack of a quorum

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp