

Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes December 17, 2024

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

Roll Call: Richard Clapp

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

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

Guests: Jennifer Bares, Roland Ashby, Doug Furton

First Call to the audience

Doug Furton- Would like the board to approve a new and accessible weather system.

Minutes:

Motion to approve 11/26/24 minutes. Motion by Swartout and seconded by Clapp.

New business:

Land Lease proposal: Reviewed draft page by page and asked questions of the airport manager. Forwarded to city manager and city attorney for review.

Fee schedule for hangars, due 1/10/25, discussion by Tom Mandersheid.

A weather reporting system discussed, must be in next year's budget which is due mid-January 25.

Old Business:

Airport manager report:

Projects

- Hangar doors off track

- Snow plowing underway
- 100LL Fuel pump is not fixed yet, lengthy discussion by Chairman Ennenga and Manager Bares to replace mother boards internally on fuel pumps. Clapp and Swartout opened discussion to buy new fuel pumps. \$65k would be required to purchase two new pumps. Decision to be made at the January meeting.
- Daycare Center being planned by Shape. Requesting special land use on airport owned property. Up to one hundred kids and one hundred parking spaces. MDOT has provided guidance to not do this. Public hearing TBA.

Safety & Security

- No noise complaints, no wildlife complaints
- City had a deer culling expert review the airport property
- Three orange balls missing on high voltage power lines at 160th avenue. BLP has been advised, they say “we will get to it”, no update, no change.
- 2 Notams

Airport Operations & Activity

- Gami Fuel is moving forward after AOPA review. Cirrus aircraft will not warranty its aircraft if Gami fuel is used.
- 165 log entries
- Fuel sales average for this time of year
- Fuel Sales were 348 Gal. 100LL, 0 Gal. Jet A
- 58 Aircraft home based on the field.
- Worked on 3 aircraft, no flight instruction
- Hangars are fully occupied, some hangar door problems
- Runway edge lights

Airport Facilities

(n/a)

Airport Liaison Report:

Accounts receivable over 30 days, good shape.

Airport Cash balance: \$374,737.73

Budget looks good. On track.

Second Call to audience:

Roland Ashby appreciates the board's engagement with issues specifically for the new fuel pump. Have a fundraiser for a new weather system.

Adjournment 7:16 pm

Motion to adjourn, Clapp, Swartout

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp