

City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Airport Advisory Board
Monday, February 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m.

Present: Mark Drumheller, Glen Irwin, Patty Stangle-Krcmarik

Absent: Sam Staples, Cathy Tilmann

City Staff Present: Bill Brickner, Airport Manager

Public Present: Al Davis

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Irwin, support by Stangle-Krcmarik, to add approve of an increase to the snow removal contract.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Irwin, support by Stangle-Krcmarik, to add wind turbine public notice.

Motion passed unanimously

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Al Davis stated that the FAR/AIM book recommends a 20,000 foot distance between any structure over 200 feet tall and an airport. The wind turbines proposed in the Rosebush-Beal City area are over 600 feet. Mr. Davis stated that he believes the turbines should be kept at least this far away. Mr. Davis stated we have six airports in Isabella County. Mr. Davis also stated that he is first concerned with safety, and second with the limited growth of the airport.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Drumheller, support by Stangle-Krcmarik, to approve the minutes of the January 2019 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

VI. Airport Manager's Report

Airport Manager Bill Brickner gave the manager's report.

Brickner stated that 12 planes were diverted because of the weather, and there is a possible loss of fuel sales with each. Brickner also stated that the airport was the only non-commercial airport in the area open after the ice storm due to his ability to break up enough ice so the sun could melt the rest.

VII. Old Business

Brickner reported after six canceled attempts, the east end PAPI lights are now FAA approved. The west end PAPI lights are not working currently. The FAA is responsible for maintaining them and they should be fixed soon.

VIII. New Business

Brickner explained the need for an amendment to the snow removal contract.

Motion by Irwin, support by Stangle-Krcmarik, to approve an amendment to the snow removal contract.

Motion passed unanimously

Bricker reported that he received a postcard last Saturday from the FAA informing him to download and post this public notice. Brickner the City of Mt. Pleasant has nothing to do with construction of the wind turbines. Brickner and Al Davis explained some of the aspects of the construction of the proposed wind turbines.

Irwin stated the airport could have future development curtailed by some of the wind turbines being built.

Mr. Davis stated any pressure to the FAA may help with any MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics decisions.

Brickner stated the FAA sets the rules in protecting the airspace, but the MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics enforces them.

Motion by Irwin, support by Stangle-Krcmarik, to recommend the City Commission review the FAA and MDOT guidelines regarding the proposed wind turbines to be built in Isabella County, and review the State of Michigan Tall Structures Act, as structures 200 feet and taller above grade, within 20,000 feet lateral of the Mt. Pleasant airport, are a serious safety hazard to landing and takeoff, and may affect present and future use, and growth of the City-owned airport.

Motion passed unanimously

IX. Announcements on Airport Related Issues and Concerns

None

X. Adjournment

Motion by Stangle-Krcmarik, support by Drumheller, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.