

MEMO TO: Airport Advisory Board Members

February 15, 2007

FROM: Duane Ellis

SUBJECT: Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2007

An Airport Advisory Board meeting was held at the airport terminal building on February 14, 2007. Chairman Brent Maxon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Brent Maxon, James Kostrava, Al Bryan, Matt Chance, and Duane Ellis. Also present at the meeting were John Benzinger and Bob Gorby.

General discussion was held concerning the composition of the Airport Board. Brent Maxon indicated that he had spoken with Matt Schantz and Mark Marshall concerning their sporadic attendance at the Airport Board meetings. As a result of these discussions, Matt Schantz has indicated that he will submit his resignation from the airport board. Matt has become involved in an advanced degree program at CMU and his availability has become severely restricted for additional activities. Brent will contact Mark Marshall to determine if he wishes to continue as a member of the Airport Board.

Discussion was also held concerning the eligibility requirements for City boards and commissions. Currently, the City charter requires members to be residents of the City of Mt. Pleasant in order to serve on a City board or commission. The Airport Board members would like to have this requirement revised to include members who work within the City. Brent Maxon indicated that he would be forwarding a letter to City Manager Kathie Grinzinger to request this change in the membership requirement for the Airport Board.

Jim Kostrava, current board member, indicated that he is planning to resign from the Airport Board at the end of the July. At that time, Jim will be moving outside of the city and will no longer be eligible to be a member of the Airport Board.

John Benzinger reviewed his monthly manager's report and noted that fuel sale were strong throughout 2006. A total 61,637 gallons of Jet A and low lead fuel were sold in 2006. Corporate jet aircraft accounted for much of the increase in sales and their operations at the airport continue to be strong.

John reported about a recent discussion with a downstate consulting firm who wish to establish a scheduled airline service at Mt. Pleasant. John met with the individuals involved and found that they had a lack of airport experience and their proposal did not seem realistic. John indicated to them that we are willing to listen to the new proposals and that we will continue to review information as it is provided to us. This group wished us to attend meetings with the Tribal Council

to support their proposal. Since very little information was available to us on which to base an evaluation of their proposal, John indicated that granting our support was not possible at this time.

The development of a local charter service is still underway by the Central Michigan Aviation Group. It is anticipated that the charter service could be operating using twin-engine piston aircraft from the Mt. Pleasant Airport during late spring or early summer.

The meeting of the Airport Board was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Airport Advisory Board will be held at the terminal building on Wednesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m.

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