

MEMO TO: Airport Advisory Board Members

February 12, 2010

FROM: Duane Ellis

SUBJECT: Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2010

An Airport Advisory Board meeting was held at the airport terminal building on Thursday, February 11, 2010. Chairperson, Joe Rivard, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Joe Rivard, Mike Verleger, Jerry Elliot, Scott Schlosser, John Benzinger, and Duane Ellis.

Minutes of the January 14, 2010, meeting were presented and accepted.

A new member, Scott Schlosser, was welcomed to service on the Airport Advisory Board.

Airport Manager's Report

John reported that he has had several contacts with CM Life reporters. Articles have been written on the planning and proposed construction for the crosswind runway and concerning MZ Air, the airport charter operation. John reported that he has been involved in several snow removal efforts in the last month, but the airport has been able to maintain operations through all of these events.

A local company has purchased a new King Air aircraft, which is proposed to be based in the corporate hangar at the airport. Currently the aircraft is undergoing service prior to arrival in Mt. Pleasant. John indicated that he also had discussions with a downstate aircraft owner of four aircraft who is considering locating his aircraft to the Mt. Pleasant Airport. This discussion has not been finalized, and John is unsure of the owner's final decision. With the renewed interest for larger, based aircraft at the airport, the space within the corporate hangar is beginning to be used up. The board discussed the possibility of future construction of a heated hangar area that might allow for these larger, fixed-based aircraft to be relocated out of the corporate hangar, which is primarily intended for short-term storage for larger itinerate aircraft visiting the airport. John will evaluate the available options for providing this type of hangar storage, and report back to the board with the cost implications for such a project.

John passed around the proposed layout by the Saginaw-Chippewa Tribe for construction of a RV park in the property immediately south of the airport. A brief discussion was held concerning the review of the reconstruction of the Soaring Eagle Inn and the new water park. The new development will have a water tower located on site, but it will not cause any operational issues for the airport.

A discussion was held concerning the early termination lease penalty. This issue has been discussed in the past with the board, and this final discussion was to present the financial impact of the waiver of the early release clause. Based upon this discussion, the board agreed that it made sense to maintain this penalty for early termination of the lease.

John reported that fuel sales are relatively steady and that fuel prices seem to be trending upward. John also reported the difficulties he is having with Staples with respect to warranty repair for computers that were purchased as part of the airport terminal expansion. John is continuing to work with the company to resolve these issues.

John distributed copies of the 2009 Airport Annual Report.

The meeting of the Airport Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Airport Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., at the airport terminal building.