

City of Mt. Pleasant
Airport Advisory Board

Thursday, September 13, 2012

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Mike Verleger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jerry Elliot, Glen Irwin, Donna Husted Kriss, Cathy Tilmann, Mike Verleger

Staff Present: Airport Manager John Benzinger, DPW Director Roger Rouse

Also Present: Dick Evans, Adam Raycraft, Mark Drumheller, Darrell Jones

II. Approval of Agenda

Amended to Delete Item VI

Motion by Irwin, Support by Husted Kriss

Motion passed

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment on the agenda items

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2012

Motion by Tilmann, Support by Husted Kriss

Motion passed

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2012

Motion by Tilmann, support by Husted Kriss

Motion passed

VI. Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2012

Deleted from the agenda

VII. Airport Manager's Reports

John discussed Crawford Contracting being awarded the bid for the corporate apron ramp bid process, being the lowest of seven bidders.

Oshkosh brought over 38 planes to Mt. Pleasant for refueling. Several compliments on the service were given.

John assisted a twin Cessna with a main gear failure alarm, diverting them to MBS airport for landing.

The Chippewa River District Library end of summer event was smooth, with over 275 children attending. The event was supported by the Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department, Gideon's International and volunteers from the Mt. Pleasant Airport and the Mt. Pleasant Model Aircraft Club. The Pohl Cat donated the use of a golf cart for the event. Approximately \$1,500.00 was raised for the Humane Animal Treatment Society as a result of the readers in the summer program.

Leni, the Homeland Security Agent and famous airport dog passed away after 15 years of service on August 23, 2012

John met with Director Robert Hart of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe at the RV Park to discuss the problem with geese at the airport. Over 200 geese, with increasing numbers as fall goes on, have descended in the airport and RV vicinity. John has calls in to Jeremy Paine and the DNR. Todd Tarlton has allowed used of his quad runner to scare geese away.

Tilman brought up again that John would benefit from a Gator vehicle.

The MSU/CMU game day brought in the hype of lots of activity. The Pohl Cat again loaned us a golf cart to use for the day. This was very beneficial in expediting service. John and several volunteers kept traffic safe and moving.

VIII. Old Business

Prioritizing of Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued regarding items with:

- 1) Land Lease
- 2) Airport management structure (customer service)
- 3) T-Hangers (John doing survey of similar airports)
- 4) By Laws
- 5) Computerizing/finding files to be organized (City)

Cathy reminded all that everything must abide by MDOT and FAA regulations. John instructed that the VOR (Feds) will not be moved or go out of service and the AWOS unit is owned and kept up by the State.

The date for the first Airport layout plan meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 5:30 p.m. Stephanie Ward from Mead and Hunt will attend the meeting. The business meeting will occur at 5:00 p.m.

DPW Director Roger Rouse updated the Board on the Airport Operating Budget. Discussion ensued

IX. New Business

A. Review of Land Lease Policy

Consensus was that a 30 year land lease with a 10 year right to renewal might be more attractive to businesses. Rouse to investigate.

B. Set Date for first Airport Layout Plan (ALP) meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the Airport.

X. Miscellaneous

Dick Evans suggested switching the public comment on non-agenda and agenda items around.

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Chairman Verleger, support by Husted Kriss to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Motion passed.