

City of Mt. Pleasant
Airport Advisory Board

Thursday, March 14, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Tilmann called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Donna Kriss, Glen Irwin, and Cathy Tilmann

Absent: Mike Verleger and Jerry Elliot, MD

Staff: John Benzinger, Roger H. Rouse, Bill Brickner, and Kathie Grinzinger

Guests: Adam Raycraft, Mark Drumheller, Scott Schlosser, and Pat McCarty

II. Proclamations and Presentations

A. Hertz Car Rental

Potential for office space rental - Keesha Greene represented Hertz Car Rental. Discussion ensued regarding office space, parking space for rental cars, a wash bay area, and other concerns. More formal information was requested. The Hertz Corporation is located at 4590 E. Pickard Road, Mt. Pleasant, (989) 772-1723.

B. Mechanic/Flight School

Pat McCarty, 1750 Colonel Point Drive, Crystal, MI 48818, (989) 763-0195, discussed his dedication to the aviation community, and his high regard for aircraft maintenance in the Michigan area. He services all makes and models of aircraft including turbine, jet, and piston powered. He taught for many years at Lansing Community College, and is able to provide pilot training.

Tilmann stated the "Need for Speed" on moving Pat McCarty's ideas onto our local field. She stated pilot growth and aviation training are important.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by _____, support by _____, to approve agenda as listed.

Motion approved.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were received.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kriss, support by Irwin, to approve January meeting minutes.

Motion approved.

VI. Airport Manager's Report

Benzinger stated that fuel sales were down for the year, but still doing okay.

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy, University of Ohio Men's basketball team, and the Henry Ford Hospital Medi-vac were among the users of the airport this month.

Brickner and Benzinger completed training on the new AvFuel program that will replace the airport's point-of-sale machine.

We spent \$8,300.00 on snow removal in January.

The hangar door needs to be repaired.

An interested party wants a 10-year lease to build his own hangar. He has a private pilot's license, and is in the process of buying a Honda Jet, which is about 100 x 100 feet. The Board discussed support of this type of building. Lease details remain with the City.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

A. Airport Management Structure Update

Kathie Grinzinger announced Roger Rousse is leaving employment with the City of Mt. Pleasant, and said that there is continued City interest in developing the airport. We are working toward a sustainable, long-term business plan for airport.

Thanks by the Board was given to Rouse for his work at the airport. Rouse challenged the Board to continue on working on increased fuel sales, long term leases, and the 10-year business plan.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

X. Announcements on Airport Related Issues and Concerns

Cathy Tilmann reported on the West Michigan Aviation Academy at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, (616) 446-8886, <http://www.westmichiganaviation.org> Students receive a top-of-the-world education from the most qualified teachers in all subjects offered at other high schools, plus an intense focus on aviation.

Question by Tilmann to Brickner - air compressor, tow heads, and battery jumper are in the process of being obtained.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, support by Kriss.

Motion approved.