

City of Mt. Pleasant
Airport Advisory Board
Thursday August 14, 2014
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Cathy Tilmann, Donna Kriss, Mark Drumheller, and Jerry Elliot
(5:55 p.m.)

Absent: Glen Irwin

Staff Present: John Benzinger, John Zang, and Chris Coale

Tilmann resigned as Board Secretary, but will keep her position on the Board. Motion by Kriss, support by Tilmann to nominate Mark Drumheller for Board Secretary. Unanimous vote.

II. Proclamations and Presentations

None

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Tilmann, support by Drumheller to accept as written.

Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tilmann, support by Drumheller to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting.

Motion passed.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

VI. Airport Manager's Report

John Benzinger ordered 6,000 gallons of low lead to be delivered next week. The City makes a profit of approximately \$2.00/gallon on Jet A fuel, and \$.80/gallon on low lead fuel. John is to work about 28 hours/week. A discussion ensued regarding coverage utilizing Chris Coale and Pat McCarty's team.

Numerous celebrities will soon be flying into the airport including: Bill Cosby, Fall Out Boy, Alice in Chains, and Buck Cherry. Jeff Dunham is coming in September.

Most of the parking lot lights have been replaced, but two need to be fixed. All of the T-hangar lights have been replaced, but need adjustment to utilize the most light. The fuel area is now well lit. The corporate hangar

lights are done. City personnel installed the lights are a lower cost than that quoted by various contractors.

Congratulations to Chris Coale for passing his Assistant Airport Manager's test. Chris has been ordering new equipment with money from the Tribe. An air compressor was ordered, but arrived damaged. It was sent back and its replacement has arrived. The correct nozzles were not included, and have been back ordered.

A discussion ensued regarding the battery charger that was purchased. Pilots may use it with no assistance from volunteers for liability reasons.

Jarman's hangar has been completed, and is beautiful.

Richard Smith is renting hangar 311 on a month-to-month basis.

Eighteen aircraft flew in over the weekend of OSH KOSH.

Drumheller and Kriss shared the experience of a new owner flying into the airport, with a poor landing and take-off. The FAA called John Benzinger regarding this aircraft; by the time John arrived, the aircraft was gone.

The City has been sending notices overdue T-hangar tenants.

A discussion ensued with regard to the Central Michigan Skydivers' insurance, and if coverage was adequate.

VII. Old Business

Tilman discussed the ground school with Pat McCarty earlier. Steve, the pilot for the skydiving school, is a trained instructor and could teach. Information was distributed concerning the high school vo-tech contact.

VIII. New Business

A. Hay Baling / Grass Cutting

Bill Cline is working toward getting the hay / grass from the airport property, which will cut down on our mowing costs.

B. Public Request for Information

Former tenant, Todd Tarlton, requested much information from the City regarding who holds what contracts, what types of contracts, etc.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda and Agenda Items

None

X. Announcements on Airport Related Issues and Concerns

None

XI. Adjournment

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Motion by Drumheller, support by Tilmann to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Motion passed.