

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairperson Pray on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 8:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Board members: Joe Pray, Jeff Wildern, Richard Deer, and Councilman Sanders.

STAFF: Community Development Director Myrkle, Airport Manager Cotter, and Deputy Clerk Dell'Acqua

ABSENT: Board members Monshein and Roberts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016 Motion by Board member Wildern, second by Deer to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 2, 2016, as presented. Carried. 3 Yes. 0 No. (Absent Monshein, Roberts)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT BY TODD COTTER:

Airport Manager Cotter reported that in June the jail crew helped with painting and ditch cleaning. Jeremy Droscha had cleared all the demolition debris from the premises. In July the Public Works crew with the brush hog cleared brush off the runway and around the property. They removed the last of the trees on the property and near the parking lot.

He reported that during the Celebrate Charlotte Festival the Fly-in brought in over \$290 for Camp Frances and over 40 aircraft flew in for the event. Over 790 breakfasts were served and the Michigan National Guard was present during the event. He commented that it was best Fly-In he had seen in a long time.

Discussion was held in regards to the mowing contract for the airport property and the FAA requirements for agriculture on the property.

Airport Manager Cotter explained to the board that he inspects the runway every morning. He has found that the electrical boxes are in need of repair.

B. AIRPORT PLANNING UPDATE

Director Myrkle asked Chairman Pray about the progress of the Friends of the Airport meetings. He inquired to see if they had discussed ideas for the Master Plan. Chairman Pray reported that they wanted a few things changed and believe that some of their ideas could generate more revenue for the airport. He handed out a sketch of the proposed structure changes (on file).

Director Myrkle explained that at the last meeting a relative of the Beach family had commented that there were restrictions to adding profitable entities to the airport. But, he discovered, when he pulled the original deeds for the airport, that there were no restrictions on utilizing outside income for the airport and its facility.

Discussion was held in regards to renovating existing buildings to add offices, a small restaurant, and a meeting room separate from the lobby. They also discussed adding footage to the prevailing runway and possibly leasing space for cellular companies to the airport tower.

C. CITY ACTIVITY REPORT:

Director Myrkle explained that new members are needed to fill vacant spots on the board and the Mayor would like to appoint members very soon.

He reported that back rent has been recovered for one of the abandoned aircraft with the help of City Attorney Tom Hitch. City Attorney Hitch recovered up to \$8,000 dollars from Mr. Caudill and the city has seized the other aircraft. They will try to recover anything they can. Director Myrkle expressed his appreciation for the help of Attorney Hitch.

Discussion was held as to when the next airport meeting would be to include Prein & Newhof. The months discussed were late September or October along with a cookout event to include the Friends of the Airport group.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Pray at 8:45 a.m.

Denise Dell'Acqua, Deputy City Clerk