



**City of Allegan
Airport Advisory Board
740 Grand Street
Allegan MI 49010
July 6, 2020 5:30PM**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Jack Ephofen called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
- II. Attendance: Delora Andrus, Jack Ephofen, Andy Millin, Craig Warren, Tom Tufflemire, Jim Ludema

Also Present: Gerry Douth, Aaron Haskin
- III. Approval of minutes from March 2, 2020: Craig, supported by Andy, motioned to approve the March 2, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Business:

- A. Taxi lane Rehabilitation Project update: Prein&Newhof is currently working on the design engineering to get the project out to bid. We are hoping to have the project completed this year by late fall. The project consists of filling and sealing all cracks and applying an airport approved micro surface pavement sealant.
- B. Fuel pump update: The fuel system has had some issues in the last few months. The wireless connection for the credit card reader failed, so an underground wire was installed to connect the credit card reader and the modem in the terminal building. The hose reel motor failed and was rebuilt, a leaking connection at the hose reel was repaired, the pump nozzle cracked and was replaced and the push button for the hose reel is working intermittently. RW Mercer has been contacted recently to replace the push button for the hose reel.
- C. Runway Lighting Update: The pilot-controlled lighting system was only working via radio within a couple of miles of the airport. The receiver was re-tuned to factory specs, but that did not solve the issue. A new antenna and cable were installed, and I have reports that it is now working at approximately 5 miles away from the airport.
- D. Private Red Hangar Update: The private red hangar has a new owner. JML Real Estate has purchased the building and the ground lease was recently transferred to them.

- E. Discuss new locations for ground leases and private hangars: Bernie Sosnowski has inquired about building a private hangar to the north of the terminal building. This area has water and sewer utilities available. A discussion about closing the grass runway to allow more private hangars was also discussed and the airport layout plan was reviewed. The Airport Advisory Board has reservations about removing the grass runway because once it is gone it will be very difficult to get another crosswind runway back. Andy motioned, supported by Craig, to recommend the grass area north of the terminal building be allowed to be used to build private hangars if it does not infringe on the operations of the grass runway. The motion was approved.

IV. New Business:

Airport Manager Comments:

Advisory Board Comments:

Andy asked about the possibility of building more hangars at the airport now that the hangars are filling up. He stated this will bring in more revenue to the City and help make the airport more self-sustaining. Aaron stated the Board should consider this when they review the Airport Capital Improvement Project before the next MAP meeting with MDOT Aeronautics. The hangars are on the list and can be moved up a couple of years if all the airside needs are satisfied. Andy also stated he has a contact for vending machines and was told they could be set up to dispense motor oil. He will invite them to a meeting when the Covid pandemic settles down.

Gerry asked the Board if they would be interested in doing a Toys for Tots drive this year. An application to do a drive needs to be submitted in early fall.

Jack is concerned about cars traveling too fast around hangar row A. The Board suggested installing a couple of 15 mph signs in this area to see if that helps.

VI. Adjournment: Craig, supported by Tom, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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