



**City of Allegan
Airport Advisory Board
740 Grand Street
Allegan MI 49010
Monday, January 4, 2016
5:30 pm**

MINUTES

“Preserve, promote and present general aviation for the Allegan area.”

- I. Call to Order: Aaron James called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. Attendance: Norman Hough, Randy MacNeill, Aaron James, Jack Ephofen, Tom Tufflemire, Mike Manning, Andy Millin

Absent: Bernie Sosnowski and Alan Henrickson

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Mike Zeter, Derek Mulder and Craig Warren
- III. Approval of minutes from November 2, 2015: Norman, supported by Jack, motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Weather station and roof hatch: Randy MacNeill proposed an alternative weather reporting system other than an AWOS. Randy would like to repair the existing weather reporting equipment at the airport and program the information to put the weather online. He is working with the local amateur radio club to manage the system. The information can be put online without any fees. He played an example weather report via the FBO computer. A disclaimer was added that the weather report was for information only and pilots should use their own judgement for flying/landing. An existing antenna near the wind sock will have to be repaired and some equipment on the roof of the FBO will have to be tuned and repaired. Randy said if they could get access on the roof to do the repairs a roof hatch won't be required as they should only have to go up there infrequently. The Board thinks this will be a good short term solution until an AWOS system can be installed. Some equipment may have to be purchased to display the weather information in the FBO office. Randy said it may be about \$400; he will get Aaron H. information on the equipment. Randy motioned, supported by Jack, to recommend the repair and set up the system through the amateur radio club as proposed. The motion passed.

B. Swift Fuel: Andy made contact with a Swift Fuel representative. He will be in Michigan late this week and is willing to meet at the airport to look at our fuel system set up and discuss the fuel, pricing and requirements. The fuel is currently available at the Marshall Airport. Andy thinks it's worth pursuing as it is a no lead fuel and generally costs a little less. The EPA has been discussing phasing out leaded fuel for years and it may happen eventually. Aaron J. said it may attract more aviators to the airport. Aaron H. stated that adding the fuel may be a large capital project due to tanks and pumps and maybe it should be added to the jet fuel project in the ACIP proposed in 2019. The board thinks it is a good idea to go ahead and meet with the representative to get the information. Andy said he would call the representative and set up the meeting this week.

C. 2016-2017 Goals: The Board discussed short term goals. The terminal building design is on the ACIP for 2016 with construction in 2017. Other goals are: continue repairing the old hangar doors, continue to recruit hangar renters (create a brochure about hangar availability), paint the FBO hangar when the terminal building is constructed and negotiate a new FBO contract.

V. New Business

VI. Airport Manager Comments: Aaron H. reported that we have had a couple of the new hangar doors malfunction and get stuck in the open position. Please call him if this happens, so he can repair them promptly.

VII. Advisory Board Comments: Aaron J. informed the Board that the 2016 Fly In is being planned for the Saturday of Father's Day weekend.

VIII. Next meeting date: The next scheduled meeting is February 1, 2016.

IX. Adjournment: Randy, supported by Jack, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm.

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