



**City of Allegan
Airport Advisory Board
740 Grand Street
Allegan MI 49010
March 2, 2020 5:30PM**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.
- II. Attendance: Andy Millin, Craig Warren, Jack Ephofen, Tom Tufflemire, Delora Andrus and Tim Catherine

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Joel Dye, Gerry Doutt

Absent: Bernie Sosnowski, Richard Guilifoil
- III. Approval of minutes from December 2, 2019: Andy, supported by Tom, motioned to approve the December 2, 2019 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Business:

- A. Airport Budget Review: Aaron and Joel presented the 2019 airport highlights, the proposed goals for 2020-2021 and the draft 2020-2021 budget. The current draft budget will require a contribution of \$48,496 from the City's general fund. City staff is currently working on the 2020-2021 budget and the City Council will review and approve the budget in May.
- B. Runway Lighting Update: Aaron reported that a pilot has reported issues with the pilot-controlled runway lights at a distance greater than 3 miles. The antenna for the radio-controlled lights has recently been re-tuned to factory specifications and was reported to be working properly. Aaron asked the board to let him know if they are experiencing issues with the runway lights, so additional measures can be taken if needed.
- C. Taxiway/Hangar Taxi lane Pavement Rehabilitation Update: Prein&Newhof recently submitted a design engineering proposal for the pavement rehabilitation around the hangars. This project is proposed to be completed this summer. The total cost for the work is projected to be \$328,000 with the City paying \$16,500 of the cost.

IV. New Business:

Airport Manager Comments:

- The MDOT emailed last week and stated they will be flying our airport approaches with a drone this summer to identify and map any obstructions in the flight paths. Tree cutting in the flight paths will be done after the mapping is completed.
- Allegan Credit Union will be hosting a “Block Party” at the airport on May 30, 2020. They are planning on having bounce houses, food, a band and a beer garden in the grass area between M222 and the apron. The City will send a flyer out to airports to let them know of the event and hopefully we will have a few planes fly in.
- Joel would like the Board to review and update the Airport Layout Plan at the next meeting. Specifically he would like them to review areas to build private hangars.

Advisory Board Comments:

- Delora reported that the City Council would like to encourage more activity and more people using the airport. Some of their suggestions are Fly-Ins and possibly fly dogs. They would like the Board to discuss ideas to get more people utilizing the airport.
- Gerry Douth mentioned that Horizon Hobbies does RC Airplane events at airports and said he would contact them to see if they would be interested in doing one at our airport.
- Andy contacted a vending machine company about the possibility of having a vending machine for aviation engine oil. He reported that it can be done. The board will investigate this further to get costs and options.
- The board suggested having a sign in book in the terminal to track people using the airport.

VI. Adjournment: Andy, supported by Delora, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

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