



**City of Allegan  
Airport Advisory Board  
740 Grand Street  
Allegan MI 49010  
Monday, April 6, 2015, 5:30PM**

**MINUTES**

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

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

Absent: Bernie Sosnowski and Alan Henrickson

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Derek Mulder and Jon Van Duinen with Prein&Newhof

- III. Approval of minutes from March 2, 2015: Mike, supported by Tom motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

- A. Terminal Building: The board discussed the terminal building floor plans with Jon Van Duinen. The board decided we should continue on with the Terminal Project. They would like to see another option or two to minimize hall space in the new building. Jon will have Byce Architects provide a couple more options. The costs for the building, although still rough estimates, are getting very close to our available funding to construct in 2016. We will have better estimates once a final floor plan is chosen.
- B. AWOS: Jon discussed the rating criteria that the FAA is requiring for installing a full AWOS system utilizing Federal funding. A lot of the criteria are based on the number and types of air operations at the airport. Currently Padgham field is rated at about half of the benefit to cost ratio required for funding. We will have to see large increases in air operations and have larger aircraft use the airport to get funded. We could still do a scaled down version of a weather station; Jon replied he has heard mixed reviews on these. Aaron James suggested that we continue researching this item and find ways to increase air traffic. The board thinks jet fuel may attract more users and larger aircraft.

C. Compass Rose Painting: With spring and painting season almost here the planning for painting the compass rose needs to be finalized. Aaron H. said the City will provide the materials for the project. Tom, Norm, Andy, Randy and Aaron James have volunteered to help with the painting. Tom will send Aaron H. a list of materials required for the project.

D. Hangar Rental Rates: The board reviewed the current lease rates and the # of hangars that are currently rented. The Board thinks lowering the rates may help attract more renters for the hangars. Andy and Derek volunteered to call and check on the rates at some of the surrounding airports to compare. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

V. New Business

A. Fly In: The 2015 Fly In is scheduled for June 20. They are looking for 26 tables and 120 chairs for the event. Aaron H. will notify the Police Department and the Fire Department about the event.

B. Skydive: Skydive Allegan would like to have their patrons use 29<sup>th</sup> street as their airport access this year. They are requesting the piles of millings are moved to make a parking area. Aaron H. will work with the DPW to move the piles.

VI. Airport Manager Comments:

VII. Advisory Board Comments:

VIII. Adjournment: Tom, supported by Norm, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is May 4, 2015

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