



**City of Allegan
Airport Advisory Board
740 Grand Street
Allegan MI 49010
Monday, July 6, 2015**

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: Mike Zeter, Tom Tufflemire, Randy MacNeill, Jack Ephofen, Andy Millin, Aaron James

Absent: Alan Henrickson, Norman Hough, Bernie Sosnowski

Also Present: Aaron Haskin, Derek Mulder, Rich Guilfoil, Robert Hillard, Robert Guerink, Glen Vogel, Bob Pullen, Theresa Millin
- III. Approval of minutes from June 1, 2015: Tom T., supported by Randy M., motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Airport Manager Comments: Aaron H. indicated that MDOT completed the restriping of the runway and taxiway this month. He updated the Board on the terminal plans. The FAA is reviewing whether showers can be funded through entitlement funds. Aaron J. indicated that the drawings for the proposed building are being displayed around the airport building to educate pilots on the improvements. Aaron H. indicated that the PAPI lights are still not functioning, and that the City is seeking a qualified equipment electrician for this equipment.
- V. Citizen Comments
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Hangar Maintenance: Aaron H. updated the Board on the plan to repair the hangars. He continues to seek a qualified contractor, and he met with Andy M. on the types of repairs that would be beneficial.
 - B. Hangar Rental Rates. Andy M. prepared and reviewed the spreadsheet on the hangar rates in the area, and updated the board on a meeting he had with the City Manager and

the Finance Director. He indicated the middle range hangars have the best opportunity for reduction, based on the type and amenities provided. Andy M., supported by Randy M., made a motion to recommend to City Council a reduction of the middle range hangars from \$205 to \$185, which would include electricity to the hangars as part of the rental charge, and that the rates are to be evaluated annually. Motion passed by acclamation. Further Aaron H. indicated that to be consistent, the City plans to eliminate the two separate meters from the corner hangars, to match the other two corner hangars. The City will pay for the electric in the hangars.

C. Red Hangar Owner – Robert Geurink. Robert G. was present with his pilot Glen V. to discuss the recent acquisition of the red hangar. He indicated that the group is in the process of purchasing two planes, and will be based out of Allegan. At the site, they are planning to maintain aircraft with their group, paint aircraft associated with their group, store their aircraft from their group, transport personnel associated with their group, and redouble efforts to initiate needed improvement that would benefit both the City and their operations. Aaron H. specifically asked if they are pursuing providing Jet A fuel as a collaborative effort with the City. They indicated that they would like to evaluate this, if this is the plan for the airport. The Committee discussed their previous discussions about providing Jet A, and the need in the area. Glen V. outlined some of the obstacles they have faced in purchasing airplanes for the company, which relates to the delay in utilizing the hangar. He also expressed that the group is interested in supporting Wings of Mercy, Special Olympics, and other non-profits related to air transport. Aaron J. expressed his excitement about Robert G. group, and use of the Allegan Airport. Andy M. indicated that the group will find the Airport Board and the City supportive of their efforts. Rich G. asked if they plan to sell plans out of the red hangar. Robert G. indicated that that was not in the plan at this time. They also reiterated that he will not be in competition with the existing FBO, knowing they will need to work together to improve the airport. Randy M. thanked Robert G. for his use of the red hangar during the Dawn Patrol event, and looked forward to working together in improving the airport. Jack E. encouraged Robert G. to work with the City on Jet A, in light of the fact they have been discussing this for years. Robert G. thanked the Board for their time and patience during this transition.

D. Dawn Patrol. The Board discussed the Dawn Patrol event, and thanked those who attended and participated. Randy M. stated they had a good turn out and that Saturday worked better for the event than Sunday. The Board would like to start planning for a similar event next year. Mike Z. asked for a list of attendees to send out thank you letters. Derek M. requested the use of a vacant hangar to store items for the Dawn Patrol. He stated the items would be moved if someone wanted to rent the hangar. The board did not have any issues with this.

E. Use of Airport Property for a Circus

The Board indicated that the Allegan Pilots Association will look for ways to connect to the event.

VI. New Business

VII. Citizen Comments

VII. Advisory Board Comments:

The Board thanked Tom T. for his work on the Compass Rose and was complimentary of the project.

VIII. Adjournment: Aaron J. adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is August 3, 2015, at 5:30P.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Hillard
City Manager

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