

**Grand Haven Memorial Airpark**  
**Airpark Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 26, 2019**

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 5:30 by Chairperson Tony Van Houwelingen

**Board Members Present:** Dale Hagenbuch  
Chris Kostamo  
Richard Clapp  
Tony Van Houwelingen

**Board Members Excused:** Craig Christalaw

**Guests:** Bob Monetza (Mayor)  
Denny Scott (City Council)  
Ben Ennenga (Past board member/Airport tenant)  
Rex Singerling (Airport tenant)  
George Brewer (Aircraft Mechanic)

**First Call to the Audience:**

Rex Singerling: We don't have weather available via ASOS. Discussed other local airports that have ASOS services. Rex reasoned that 3GM is a more of a destination airport, and as such, pilots should not be limited to MKG weather since it is not relevant to the conditions experienced at 3GM. Better weather services are needed.

Earle Bares stated that the costs to have this service are substantial and there have been other areas where we have had to spend money, such as tree removal.

Earle Bares: GHAA, Dawn Patrol to be held June 6, 2020, 8am to 1pm. Volunteers are signing up. Courtesy Car is being looked into. Draeger motors of Spring Lake may be interested in donating a car. Financial viability is being considered. Flight simulators are being worked on, goal is to have several setups.

Hangar Dance: it is possible the Grand Haven High School jazz band may be able to perform. EAA meeting included discussion of Great Lakes Approach operations.

**Acceptance of October 22, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Richard Clapp, seconded by Chris Kostamo to approve the minutes without changes.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

Design and rehabilitation of runway 9/27. Paperwork is approximately 90% complete. FAA advises to move the runway connector away from the ramp. Main crack in the runway, repaired by the city. Runway surface to be ground down 4 inches for new surface.

**Airport Managers Report:**

Substantial increase in non-local air traffic. Hangars are fully occupied. Runways to be cleaned up with in 2 hours of a snow event. City has been great about plowing by 3am.

**Hangars:** We need to improve hangars or build some larger hangars. Possible field locations should be discussed. B and C hangars could be replaced. We should update our five-year MDOT plan to include hangars. Our hangar conditions are below average. There are waiting lists for hangars up to two years at nearby airports. Community garden area could be utilized for box hangars. Box hangars would generate as much revenue as the B and C hangars. We have a total of 70 hangars. 16/70 are in B & C row and cannot be used for airplanes. They are store and Lock. 14/16 are currently rented. 2 are occupied by the city, and are not paying rent. The last time our rents were increased was a couple years ago. Rent increases are not on a schedule for in increase. Hangars are fully depreciated. Annual revenue from the hangars is \$140,000. If new hangars are in our plan, the state and federal government would pay 95% of the cost to build new hangars. 53/70 hangars can contain airplanes. MDOT operations are entered into an MDOT registered logbook, most are noted by visual observations. Skydive operations are written or estimated. Operation is defined as a takeoff or a landing. It is noted that a takeoff and a landing are two operations. A sortie is takeoff and a landing, counts as one. Our counts are very accurate. Not estimated. MDOT operations are counted as 125% of total operations.

**Fuel sales:** Substantially increased over last year. Fuel price is very competitive and most likely is a draw for outside aircraft to purchase fuel here.

**Airport activity:** Up year over year. 12,000 operations year to date. 27,000 gallons of fuel sold. Skydive is accounts for only about 15% of these numbers.

**Airport facilities:** Maintenance building, office heat pump is not working. Maintenance hangar roof needs fixing, and some light ballasts are bad. Repaired six hangar doors last month. Hangar rooves of A, D, F, to be addressed in Spring. Finished painting the walls of D Row. Touched up a few B row spots.

**Grounds Maintenance:** Up to date. Snow fence is up. Airport runway sign located at 9/27 and the intersection of 18/36, panel in runway sign is not the correct red color.

Fuel price display has been malfunctioning. Hand written sign is there as well.

**Current Projects:** Runway 9/27 rehabilitation, Air easement rights are an in process current project.

Enable Skydive Grand Haven any way we can help their business. Skydive Grand Haven adjusts departure and arrival routings to minimize noise.

**Fuel Operations:** Purchased \$106,000 in fuel this year, sold \$118,579. \$13,000 profit. Doing quite well with fuel sales. Earle utilizes several vendors for best price on fuel. He utilizes split loads with other airports when its available.

**Administrative Liaison Report:** (Administrative Liaison not present) Financial reports "goofed up", according to Earle Bares. No expenses listed for most of the items.

Last Call to the audience:

George Brewer- Exceptionally busy. During a normal month he services 55 aircraft, he is on his seventieth.

Rex Singerling- Could WIFI be made available on the field? Can the terminal WIFI be extended to the hangars. Earle: We have very slow, inexpensive WIFI.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Richard Clapp, seconded by Dale Hagenbuch at 6:47 pm.