

## **Grand Haven Airport Board Meeting Minutes December 19, 2023**

Chairperson Ben Ennenga called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Roll Call: Board Secretary Richard Clapp

Members present: Ben Ennenga, Richard Clapp, Denny Swartout, Tricia Harrell, Dale Hagenbuch

**Others Present:** Earle Bares, Airport Manager

**Guests:** Jennifer Bares, Eric Byington, Tim Price, Mayor Bob Monetza, Mark Lynn

### **First Call to the audience:**

Earl Bares; Grand Haven Airport Association airport open house on Sat. June 1, 2024; 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the airport with breakfast at 11 am. Will feature the Hooligans flight team.

### **Board Minutes:**

Approval of November 28, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Clapp, seconded by Swartout. Motion carried

### **New business:**

Recommendation to Grand Haven City Council to appoint Prein & Newhoff as airport consultant. Motion by Swartout, seconded by Clapp.

### **Old business:**

Tree Removal, all parties contacted, survey complete, and Oak Wilt is not an issue. Only a few trees left to remove. Surface will be smoothed.

E2 Technologies has a C-172 with a flight instructor available for flight training. Airport manager Bares contends that more than one flight school at the airport would be “unreasonable”.

Airman Academy flight school has failed to pay rent to the airport. Police were called because they continued to operate at the airport without authorization. Board member Swartout contends that if Airman Academy cannot pay its bills, then they should not be allowed to operate at the airport in the future. Operator of Airman Academy would like to present to the

airport board in the future. He has been instructed that there is a deadline of 10 days prior to the subsequent board meeting to apply to be on the agenda.

#### Security, safety, and noise abatement

Several taxiway lights to be replaced.

#### **Airport manager report: Earle Bares**

##### Activity

Non-local operations were up. Weather was a factor for Skydive Grand Haven.

##### Projects

New fuel credit card terminal to be installed on December 18, 2023.

Winter maintenance items complete.

Snowplowing to start at 3 a.m. daily.

Still waiting for MDOT to draft a letter for interim use of hangar space.

##### Fuel sales & Operations

Fuel Sales are down, which is to be expected at this point in the season.

0 Gal. Jet A; 886 Gal. 100 LL; 886 total Gallons fuel sold in November.

Fuel price: Aviation fuel, best price within 30 miles.

18 Tie Downs, 60 Aircraft home based on the field.

Worked on three aircraft.

Hangars are fully occupied.

##### Notams

3 current NOTAMS

**Administrative Liaison Report:**

Airport Cash balance: \$383,143.64. \$5,424 paid in advance from SkyDive Grand Haven. Expecting the fuel pump to cost around \$26k. Expecting to pay Prein & Newhoff around \$2k.

Great shape with budget but overbudget on insurance. Airport liaison would like to know why insurance has gone up.

Receivables, only in arrears at \$399 over 60 days.

Facilities manager Doug Lang is handling the RFP for new roof coating on hangar row A, repair of SkyDive hangar water leak, and Maintenance Hangar repairs.

Zach Brohman, MDOT, has mentioned 2 million may become available for airport improvement projects.

Airport will be closed for the holidays, Dec. 25-26, half day on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and 1/1/24.

**Second call to the audience:**

Eric Byington, discussion on flight school operator David Rozelle, bad behavior.

**Adjournment: 6:48 pm.**

**Minutes submitted by board secretary, Richard Clapp**