

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Sheboygan County Airport Department
Aviation Heritage Center – Conference Room
N6191 Resource Dr.
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

February 9, 2015

Called to Order: 3:00 P.M.

Adjourned: 3:50 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Winkel, Tom Trester, David Hilpertshauser, Ron Burrows, Steve Bauer, and John Rogers

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Glavan and Lee Kunze

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Sweet, Richard Bemis, Greg Schnell, Ann Gottowski, Gary Gritt, Donald Waage, Charles Conrardy, Dave Rudd, Jack Leonhardt, Larz Graff, Glenn Moore, Mindy Smith, Brandon Molina, Jack Van Dixhorn, Carl Buesing, Adam Mason, Roger Murphy, Scott Morrelle, Jay Hoogstra, and Wayne Elsner

The Sheboygan County Airport Advisory Committee convened at 3:00 p.m. Mark Winkel presiding. Mark Winkel noted that the meeting was posted on January 23, 2015 8:45 a.m. in the lobby of the Administration Building in compliance with the open meeting law.

John Rogers made a motion and Steve Bauer seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 4, 2013. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence to report.

The Chair entertained citizen input and/or comments. Don Waage expressed various concerns regarding the airport the reduced number of pilots, increased rent, hangar inspections and perceived inadequate communication.

Lars Graff concurred with Mr. Waage's remarks.

Glenn Moore expressed displeasure with the potential upcoming hangar inspections.

Mr. Waage again reiterated concern about the need for communication and to involve the airport community in solving airport issues.

FBO report – Ron Burrows indicated they had a fantastic year and spent a large amount on attorneys. Mr. Burrows provided his perception of the hangar inspection issue.

Mr. Burrows also indicated that he filed a complaint with the FAA because Bertram wanted to lease four lots and that fell through and he proposed to lease the lots and was not allowed to and that was discrimination.

New Business – None.

Airport Superintendent Sweet responded to the necessity for an inspection of Mr. Burrows' hangars because of the storage of scrap metal in the hangar. Airport Superintendent Sweet indicated the annual inspections and the inspection to ensure the scrap metal was removed are two different things.

Old Business – None.

Airport Superintendent Sweet provided information regarding the planned upcoming hangar inspections. There was further discussion regarding the purpose of the inspections and the need for improved communication.

Someone questioned if the inspections are to assess personal property taxes on items in the hangars. Transportation Director Schnell indicated that is the first he heard of that and the county would not be assessing taxes on property in the hangars, the hangars are in the Town of Sheboygan Falls.

He also indicated the annual inspections are in part to treat everyone the same since the County inspected Burrows hangars and Ron Burrows indicated he would file a discrimination suit if everyone was not treated the same. He also indicated we need to do our due diligence; we need to ensure there are no safety or fire issues. Ron Burrows suggested that the County not inspect everyone else; that he is in compliance and he is sorry that he asked for everyone to be treated the same. The scrap metal is out of his hangars and no other inspections need to be done.

Airport Superintendent Sweet reported on potential improvements and maintenance issues and indicated there are plans to look at Charter Business putting in fiber optics at the airport; they will be providing a quote in spring. He also indicated there is maintenance needed on the taxiways, the temporary tower for the PGA is being pursued, and there was a request for a STOP sign and the options are being investigated.

Lars Graf and Don Waage indicated they have flooding issues that they wanted addressed.

Airport Superintendent Sweet provided an update on the status of the terminal building feasibility study.

Airport Superintendent Sweet discussed safety concerns regarding vehicular access at the Airport and advised that he is working on Ordinance changes to address his concerns.

Motion by Steve Bauer and seconded by John Rogers to adjourn at 3:50 P.M. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary
Ann Gottowski