Approved: 7/16/20 gt

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27rd , 2020

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOYNE CITY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 27th, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair, Richard Bouters called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Voting - Present: Richard Bouters, Doug Brubaker, Brian Harrington, Richard Wright
Absent: Leon Vercruysee (excused)

Ex Officio - Present: Allen Sturza, Jerry Schmidt, Rod Cortright, Leon Jarema, John Van Etten
Absent: Bud Chipman

Citizens: None

Staff - Airport and City Manager, Michael Cain

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 25th 2019 Meeting Minutes:
Correction by Bouters – Draft Minutes, "The AAB unanimously approved the fuel pump renewal contract for Northern Pump Service, Inc. of Gaylord Michigan."
Amended minutes, "The AAB unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the fuel pump renewal contract (Northern Pump Service, Inc., Gaylord, Michigan) to the City of Boyne City Commission.
Motion by Brubaker, seconded by Bouters to approve the January 23rd, 2020 Airport Advisory Board meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed a letter received from the **University of Michigan, Survival Flight** thanking the customers of Avfuel Corporation (Boyne City's aviation fuel provider) for, "…supporting the acquisition of realistic electronic patient simulators" which aid, "Survival Flight's goal to develop a suite of training simulators…adding flexibility and reality to [their] hospital-based training program. The generous donation will allow us to attain that goal."

No action required from the Boyne City Airport Advisory Board.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AWOS – Richard Wright provided an introductory overview presentation of Automated Weather Observation Systems (AWOS). Board members were briefed on the importance of AWOS, weather data collection and dissemination, site requirements, representative prices and logical, advisory board next steps.

Observing that AWOS is "hardware extensive" and possibly "cost prohibitive" Michael Cain requested Richard Wright to coordinate with Mr. Michael Borda (Prein & Newhof, aviation consultants - scheduled to attend the March 2020 AAB meeting) regarding seeking possible State or Federal financial assistance for AWOS. Allen Sturza, referring to his research, quoted information from the *Airport Cooperative Research Program, Report 16*, "Guidebook for Managing Small Airports" "… eligibility for Federal funding requires inclusion in the national Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)" and must be "… At least 20 miles from another NPIAS airport." Boyne City's airport does not meet that requirement.

B. Airport Goal Review – Richard Bouters relayed that his on-going work continues with the airport page on the City of Boyne City web site continues.

Richard Wright pledged to speak with Michael Borda regarding compliant Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights instillation on the approach end to runway 27. Items affecting the installation are glideslope angle, approach safety zone penetrations (e.g. trees) and runway displaced threshold.

C. Landscaping – Landscaping issues were not discussed. This was an inadvertent carryover agenda item from the January 2020 meeting agenda.

D. Other – Michael Cain mentioned the Boyne City Airport Courtesy Car's battery is now repaired. The fault was tracked down to a failed *Back Door Ajar* warning light sensor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Airport Conference – Relaying key highlights from the Michigan Association of Airport Executives (MAAE) conference Michael Cain relayed that the Michigan Department of Transportation/Aeronautics (MDOT) has or will implement myriad changes in the near future. Most notably, airport inspections will occur on a three year cycle, will be more thorough with less tolerance for infractions.

Other highlights included a presentation from the Executive Office of the President of the United States regarding aviation's role in stimulating Scientific Technical Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) advancement in the United States.

Final conference takeaways were airport zoning issues, Airport Layout

Plans (ALP) and jet fuel sales at small municipal airports.

B. Grayling Temporary Military Operations – On February 5th, 2020 the City of Boyne City received a letter digitally signed by Mr. Steven L Szukala, manager (A), Operation Support Group ATO Central Service Center, Fort Worth, Texas. The subject: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT Of Grayling Temporary Military Operations Area (MOA) Northern Michigan – Airspace Study 19-AGL-11-NR. The Board briefly discussed the correspondence which is intended to provide maneuvering airspace between the Grayling Aerial Gunnery Range and the existing Pike West Military Operations Area (MOA) in support of Exercise Northern Strike. The Board concluded there is no direct impact to local operations at, to or from the Boyne City Airport. Issue dismissed.

C. Other – Allen Sturza asked the Board to consider a 24 X 24 extension to the back of his hangar and permission to insulate the hangar. This extension would allow Allen to shelter three aircraft in his hangar and would provide heated working space for a licensed Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) mechanic to repair aircraft year round. Mr. Sturza offered he would bear all associated costs. In return Sturza is looking for an extended lease on his hangar. Airport manager, Michael Cain and Sturza agreed to work off-line to negotiate the proposal.

In a separate request A. Sturza asked if the airport WIFI range could be extended so airport hangar patrons could remotely turn on/off their aircraft engine preheaters. Some general comments: "the requested action cost is approximately $300, yet the improvement could actually save the City money by eliminating hangar tenants need to heat their entire hanger as a means to preheat the aircraft engine.

Richard Wright offered a wildlife mitigation plan which potentially could save the City money and may actually provide some marginal income. Citing other airport wildlife control measures where birds, deer, coyotes etc. prefer open mowed areas, under the plan summertime mowing of the cleared land adjacent to the runway would cease. Only a small area would be mowed around critical airport areas (e.g. runway lights, refueling area, PAPI lights etc.). Monetary benefits of the plan include reduced Department of Public Works mowing labor and mowing equipment operations / maintenance costs and possible income from autumn grass (hay) cuttings sales.
Board member John Van Etten commented just such a plan was implemented at his former home airport in Indiana. Mr. Van Etten relayed the wildlife mitigation was only marginally successful. In-fact, those critical airport areas that were mowed, most notably near the runway and runway lights actually attracted wildlife. Additionally the hay harvest was of poor quality culminating in the harvester losing interest in the plan and eventually ceasing mowing the airport area.

Finally, general comments were voiced suggesting rewording Notice To

Airmen (NOTAMS) to become more specific. Rather than ambiguous NOTAM wording such as, "Runway Plowed" suggested rewording for example could delineate how wide the runway is plowed or otherwise cleared.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The price of aviation 100 Low Lead (LL) at the Boyne City Airport remains at $4.33 per gallon since December 2nd, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Boyne City Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th, 2020, 5:30 PM at the Airport Terminal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM by Chair, Richard Bouters.

Richard K. Wright _____
Boyne City Airport Advisory Board Secretary