

ROCHELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, March 24, 2014

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall.

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Greg Sparrow, Chairman.

Roll Call: Present: Dale Meyers, John Kenney, Bill Tyler, Greg Sparrow, Joel Thompson and Mike Wood.
Absent: Norm Jenkins. Also present were Mark Delhotal (Airport Manager), Jeff Leon (WRHL), Chet Olson (Mayor) and Katie Wolf (Economic Development Admin. Assist.)

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Joel Thompson and seconded by Dale Meyers: **"I move the minutes of November 25, 2013 be approved."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Public Commentary: None

Old Business:

1. Runway Project Update

- Martin is prepared to start back up with construction as soon as the weather breaks. They hope to move equipment in within a week and set up their job trailer. The runway lighting project is likely to be completed in the spring if the weather will allow.

2. Taxiway Project Update

- Waiting on a pre-construction meeting before the work can begin. IT was noted that during the construction at the airport, it has been agreed that prior to May 16th, the runway can be closed Monday-Thursday all day. After May 16th, it can be closed Monday – Thursday until 12:00 noon. This will allow operations to continue on the weekends as normal.

New Business:

1. Summer Country Jam

- The Country Jam will be held August 9th, starting at 3:00 pm. The Flight Deck will host the after party again. The Chamber will be selling 2,000 tickets again. The airport will charge for parking again this year. It will be set up on in front of the community hanger, with set up and tear down happening on Saturday.

2. 30 Men who Cook

- 30 Men who Cook will be held September 13th. It was suggested that maybe there be a 30 Women Who Cook event.

3. Other

- A discussion took place about Rochelle Airport being a “stopover” on the way to Oshkosh. Talked about having hotels lined up and transportation and dinner. Mark will pursue this concept further.

Operations Update:

1. Rochelle Avionics

- Mark has offered to help them with planning community events. They are talking about hosting a customer appreciation cook out.
- Will be expanding into maintenance businesses
- They continue to work on securing Garmin contract

2. Airport:

- The airport is beginning to pick up
- Fuel sales for February 2014 were doubled from February 2013
- Local tenants are flying more, not just using the hangers for storage
- On nice days more are flying in just for lunch

3. CSC

- Friday, March 28th will be opening days
- Lots of events scheduled for the year
- Mike Sweeny is the manager at Flight Deck and is doing a great job
- 8,000 jumps in 2013 season
- iFly in Naperville/Chicago has been an excellent partnership for indoor training
- The Flight Deck is upgrading its outdoor seating area

Announcements/Concerns: Next meeting is May 27 (Tuesday), 2014

New Agenda Requests:

- None

Adjourn Meeting: At 3:30 p.m., moved by Joel Thompson and seconded by Greg Sparrow, “**I move we adjourn the meeting.**” Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Katie Wolf

Submitted by Katie Wolf
Economic Development Administrative Assistant