



AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2017

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 23rd at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Rochelle Community Airport.

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

Roll Call: Present at the meeting Board Members: Noah Carmichael, Gary Dunn, Norman Jenkins, Steven Katzman, Skip Kenney, Greg Sparrow, and Bill Tyler. Also present; Mike Hudetz, Mayor Olson, Jason Anderson, Joanne Peters, Jeremy Sells, Jerry Sells, Deb Massey, Rochelle Avionics and Rob Flanagan, Rochelle Airport.

Absent: Joel Thompson and Doug Smith

Minutes: *A Motion by Mr. Kenney and Seconded by Mr. Tyler to approve the Airport Advisory Minutes dated October 24, 2016.* Motion passed by voice vote.

Operations:

a. Airport – Mike Hudetz reported the following activities and improvements:

- They were able to handle December's snowfall; borrowed a city truck and city tractor for which Mike obtained his CDL license in order to operate.
- Mike obtained his ABC Operator's Certificate for underground storage tanks.
- Rob has refurbished and repaired the golf cart/12V & 24V aircraft starter cart.
- The runway's mop is out of service; borrowed a large blower from the golf course and was able to clear off rocks from the runway. The blower will remain at the Airport indefinitely.
- Waste & Measures checked the fuel pumps; the Jet A pump is off 3/10 gallon for every 150 gallons but is within tolerance.
- Tie-downs are now for sale at \$10, along with Prist & oil and soda and snacks will be sold in the near future.
- They're building a fuel pump hood which will make it easier to read the 100LL fuel screen and signage has been added at the pumps.
- NOTAMs are issued on PAPI's and Runway when weather affects the runway conditions.
- All of the vehicles have been winterized.

- b. **Rochelle Avionics** – Mr. Sells reported that while it's the "slow season" they continue to stay busy.
- c. **Chicago Skydiving Center** –
- d. **A&M Air Sports** – Mr. Hudetz reported it's their 20th year anniversary and there will be a "movie night" at the airport on January 28th. Mike is going to Australia in March for training on a new and improved "trainer" aircraft that will be used for exhibit at Oshkosh this summer.

New Business:

- a. **Sealcoating & Striping** - Mike intends to get as much done as possible with the budgeted funds.
- b. **Airport Brochure** – Proposed draft airport brochure was distributed and Mike asked that any comments or suggestions be sent to him. Noah suggested that the radio frequencies be added.

Old Business: Mike reported that the \$3 Million in state and federal funds has been postponed and there will not be any construction in 2017. The City share of \$64,000 must be paid in 2017 for construction in 2018 towards the center ramp and for A, B, C & D row hangars access taxiways.

Mike advised there is significant savings in the electric bill of \$509 in December since repairs to the runway lights and by turning them off at night. The electric issues in the E row hangars appear to have been eliminated and have saved \$420 in the December electric bill as well.

Mr. Kenney asked for an update on the "low flying" activity. Mike advised that he has spoken to Doug and he advised that the issue has been resolved. Mr. Sells added that the FAA frequents the airport and will be watching.

Mr. Kenney asked if there was a need for more hangar space and Mike said there is a waiting list and he could fill 6 additional. Mike added that the engineer suggested extending Row E with an 8 unit hangar. Mr. Kenney reported the last hangar was bonded for \$185,000 in 1991. Mike was asked to obtain costs for additional hangar space and to report his findings at the next meeting.

Public Commentary:

Next Meeting: The next Airport Advisory Board meeting is April 24, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: *"A Motion by Mr. Jenkins and Seconded by Mr. Kenney to adjourn at 3:32 p.m."* Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted By,
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