



## AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2017

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, April 24 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: Joel Thompson, Steven Katzman, Skip Kenney, Greg Sparrow, Bill Tyler and Doug Smith. Also present: Mike Hudetz, Mayor Olson, Jason Anderson, Adriana Milan, Sue Messer, Debbie Lighthart and Rob Flanagan.

**Absent:** Noah Carmichael, Norman Jenkins and Gary Dunn

**Minutes:** *A Motion by Mr. Kenney and Seconded by Mr. Tyler to approve the Airport Advisory Minutes dated April 24, 2017.* Motion passed by voice vote.

### Operations:

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

- Mowing has started
- Nicor marker flags to be removed May 1st
- New Jet fuel and 100 LL loads will be more expensive
- B-6 hangar doors were repaired, cost was \$ 3,000

**b. Rochelle Avionics** – Business as usual

**c. Chicago Skydiving Center** –

- Open for business 7 days a week starting Memorial Day Weekend. U.S National Skydiving Championships will be held at CSC in September 2018.

**d. A&M Air Sports** –

- 3 new trainer aircraft have been ordered from Airborne Australia and will be delivered in early June.
- Pre-Oshkosh Wing Fest hosted by A&M Air Sports on July 22.

## Old Business:

- Runway lights – PAL control has resulted in significant savings
- Sealcoating & Striping – Bid from Wyatt Pavement came in – waiting for second quote
- Airport brochure is done, final review in progress and then it will be sent off to the printers

## New Business:

Pre-Design Meeting for Airport Layout Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan with Hanson Professional Services will be held May 11, 2017

Mike presented the 20 year Airport Layout Plan for and 3 year TIPs plan. Current plan might entail a change in airport category from a B2 to C due to runway width and crosswind. In order to avoid going to a C category, one option is to widen runway to 100 ft., and leave it in the current location, but increase the thickness and load bearing capacity.

Runway is deteriorating and the rehab for runway is planned for 2019. Upgrading runway to accommodate larger aircraft will likely generate greater fuel revenue but we must remain a category B airport. A runway bump-out to accommodate larger aircraft on the east end was again suggested. At this time, all cost associated with bump-out appears to be 100% at city's expense.

TIP plans are currently to repair center ramp and tie down area with concrete and taxi ways leading to A,B,C & D hangars will be refurbished with asphalt. Plans for this work are scheduled for October of 2018 so it does not interfere with CSC's championship event in September.

***Revise TIPs: "Motion by Mr. Kenney to accept recommendation to revise TIPs plan to widen runway to 100 ft and drop the crosswind runway if possible., was seconded by Mr. Tyler" Motion passed by voice vote.***

Mayor questioned if air traffic increases would it force a change in category? Mike commented that C class aircraft are in the Boeing 737 range, so it is likely we could remain a B class regardless of traffic.

Mike made a power point presentation about the deteriorating condition of the ABC & D Hangars. Two options were presented: extend E hangar to the south or demo D hangar and build new. Board agreed that D hangar is really bad shape and demo is the best option. Mike discussed cost to rebuild hangar, one of the options is to go with Fulfab building for the cost of approximately \$340,000 with 8 nested units. More research will be conducted as far as cost and financing. 30 year mortgage is probable to finance a building of this type and maintain cash flow.

**Public Commentary:** none

**Next Meeting:** The next Airport Advisory Board meeting is August 14, at 3:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** ***"A Motion by Mr. Thompson and Seconded by Mr. Tyler to adjourn at 4:02 p.m."*** Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted By,  
Adriana Milan