



AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 23, 2017

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, October 23, 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, Skip Kenney, Greg Sparrow, Bill Tyler, Norman Jenkins, and Also present: Mike Hudetz, Mayor Olson, Jason Anderson, Adriana Milan, Jeff Fiegenschuh, Debbie Lighthart, Becky, Mark Bresson and Rob Flanagan.

Absent: Joel Thompson, Gary Dunn, and Doug Smith.

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:

- Restored turf along north edge of runway
- Repaired 2 failing walls and tightened all other dividing walls in Row E
- Calibrated 25 PAPIs and received FAA Approval
- Had over 9400 operations from April through September – 34% increase over same period last year
- Seal-coated and striped parking lots, ramps and around Row E
- Buried fiber optic cable going from Community Hangar to lift station
- Replaced and repaired 2 sets of sliding doors in B and C row
- Replaced static line and reel at pumps
- Replaced digital gallon display at pumps and elevated to 10 feet
- Repaired and replaced underground drainage lines along the taxiway
- Passed the Fire Marshal inspection
- Replaced several failing parts in the electric gate
- Replaced several runway/taxiway lights/markers and transformers struck by lightning
- Replaced most all fuelmaster components after a lightning strike
- Replaced lights and fixtures in several hangars
- Re-attached over 200 feet of east chain link fence damaged by vandalism
- Facilitated/Hosted Independence Day Skydive event, Wing Fest, Country Jam, and City Employee Picnic

- Managed one aircraft accident and 2 aircraft incidents(one skydive accident)
- Replaced the CPU on the AWOS
- Installed high efficiency , theft proof TP dispensers in pilot lounge area

b. Rochelle Avionics – Business as usual

c. Chicago Skydiving Center –

- Preparations for the 2018 U.S National Skydiving Championships are underway. The event will run from September 4th to 17th. The two week event is expected to draw over 1000 people a day during the duration that period. Logistics and operations are in the planning stage. Jason suggested setting up a meeting in November to discuss the details and the airport’s role. Mr. Kenney and Mr. Jenkins would like to participate in the meeting.

d. A&M Air Sports –

- The season is coming to an end by Thanksgiving.
- 3 new trainer aircraft were ordered from Airborne Australia and delivered in early June.
- Exhibited at Oshkosh & Wing Fest in late July.

New Business:

- Mayor Olson and Mike attended the IDOT meeting for the TIPs program review. Taxiway and half of ramp will be refurbished in 2018. The project will cost approximately \$1.3 M (Grant will pay 95%; local match is 5%). The Runway will be refurbished in 2019 and the approximately cost of the project will be \$ 2.3 M (Grant will pay 95%, local match is 5%).
- Mike attended the 2017 NBAA’s Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition in Las Vegas. Mike presented a power point presentation about the event.

Old Business:

Mr. Kenney asked about the status of replacing the hangars, and Mike stated that perhaps once all improvements are completed the Airport might be eligible to use TIPs funds for the new hangars. At this point funding to build new hangars has not been identified.

Public Commentary:

Mayor notified the board that Mr. Katzman did not submit his renewal for the Airport Advisory Board, therefore, an opening is available; he suggested Gary Dunn move up from a non-voting member to a voting member. Council approval needed.

Next Meeting: The next Airport Advisory Board meeting is January 22, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: *“A Motion by Mr. Tyler and Seconded by Mr. Jenkins to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.”* Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted By,
Adriana Milan