

AIRPORT COMMISSION (KADG)

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MEMBERS

Dawn Bales, Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Terry Collins

Minutes: Monday, September 11, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Bales, Jenkins-Arno, and Collins

Also Present: Commissioner Van Doren, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Thomas Kendziora, Ashlyn Malak, Eric Rogers, Greg Panzl, Rachel Panzl, and Jennifer Ambrose

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and pledge of allegiance.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Bales, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

II. Manager's Report

Airport Manager, Thomas Kendziora reviewed the Manager's report.

Equipment Maintenance: The New Holland Tractor has been experiencing A/C issues with some repairs completed and a service shop appointment scheduled. A zero turn was in need of a new drive belt and all zero turns have been serviced.

Grounds Maintenance: Weed spraying took place as well as tree clearing from fence rows as preventative maintenance.

Building Repairs/Projects: Routine hangar inspections took place in June and July leading to the replacement of hangar cables, greasing doors, checking motors, and tightening cables. One unit received new wheels that help open the door more easily.

Maple Lane Manor Cemetery: The Cemetery is in good condition and accessible.

Operations: July crop dusting operations led to a spike in fuel sales, selling nearly 2000 gallons of Jet A. A storm in late July brought heavy winds that took down the Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) antenna and led to the system burning out. It is Thomas' recommendation that the NDB be decommissioned due to the lack of use and outdated technology. The NASCAR Races took place August 4th - 7th bringing ten Jets and three Helicopters allowing the airport to sell just over 4000 gallons of Jet A.

Airport Events: The airport Fly-In (October 28) is still waiting for insurance approval but is moving forward with planning in the meantime.

Beacon Replacement: The new LED beacon has been installed and is working efficiently.

Fuel Calibrations: Sparling Corporation serviced and calibrated both refueling trucks as well as the self-serve station. It was noted that the supply hoses expire at the end of 2023 and will need replacement costing \$4,651 which will come from our equipment repair budget.

Adrian Soaring Club: Adrian Soaring Club is flying frequently with the warmer weather.

III. Accepting of Manager's Report

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Collins, to accept the Manager's Report and be filed. Motion carried.

IV. Finance Report

The financial report was reviewed.

V. Other Business

Thomas spoke on the lack of traffic during the NASCAR races and explained reasons as to why this should be anticipated again in the future. Commissioners Van Doren, Jenkin-Arno, Bales, and Collins encouraged networking with pilots to make sure their needs are met, this may ensure that traffic remains consistent.

Thomas spoke on the hangar proposal from Mark Jeffery and presented design drawings and specifications for the board to review. Commissioner Collins questioned the fence row easement and it was explained that a Lenawee County representative will need to attend a Madison Township meeting to obtain and variance. It was also discussed that both parties' legal counsels will be involved with the finalization of agreements and land lease documents.

Though the fly-in is still waiting on insurance approval, it was requested that approval be given to continue planning and moving forward with the event once commercial proof insurance has been obtained.

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Nancy Collins, to request the continued planning of the Freaky Fly-In. Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment

Eric Rogers provided statistics on various airport traffic loads and runway length data to explain the lack of traffic for NASCAR races in comparison to within the last 20+ years.

Greg Panzl pointed out the major uses of the rotating beacon from a pilot's perspective. He also provided insight from a corporate pilot's perspective on choosing an airport for events like NASCAR races.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Terry Collins, seconded by Nancy Jenkins-Arno, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried.