

ROCHELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, August 26, 2013

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

**Roll Call:** Present: William Tyler, John Kenney, Greg Sparrow, Joel Thompson, and Norm Jenkins. Absent: Dale Meyers and Mike Wood. Quorum of 5 present. 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 Norm Jenkins and seconded by John Kenney: **"I move the minutes of June 17, 2013 and July 17, 2013 be approved."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**Public Commentary:** None

**Old Business:**

**1. Runway Project Update**

- The City Council approved and signed the State/Local Agency Agreement on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The State approved and executed the agreement last week. The timeline for construction is not determined yet, but hopeful that dirt work will begin this fall.
- Taxiway letting will take place in January 2014.

**2. Land Reimbursement**

- It is on the City Council agenda tonight to approve the agency agreement by IDOT for the City of Rochelle to authorize the reimbursement of land purchase in the amount of \$655,066 with IDOT.
- These dollars were enterprise funds from the Railroad and Solid Waste funds. Mark's suggestion/recommendation is to use this money as a revolving loan fund to continue to purchase/acquire land for future airport expansion. The board was in agreement with this concept. The board noted that Mark be specific what the money is being used for including plans, descriptions when going before the council.

**New Business:**

**1. Part-time Airport Line Staff Position**

- It was reported at the last board meeting that Danny Keller has been hired part time at the airport.

**2. Summer Country Jam Update**

- August 24<sup>th</sup> was the Summer Country Jam
- Well organized event
- Over 1100 tickets were sold
- There were 5-7 police officers on site all day, there were no incidents

- Skydiving took place all day
- Food vendors all did well
- The airport was functional all day
- The airport parked cars and collected \$1673.00
- Over 100 volunteers
- The Flight Deck hosted the after party, which was very busy and no incidents

### 3. Other New Business

- John Kenney brought up a concern that the city requirements are not always business/development friendly.
- Joel Thompson shared that he believes it is critical to get to the “strengthening phase” of the runway extension. Current plan is for the runway to be upgraded to 60,000lbs in 2017.
- John Kenney asked about the hanger status. Mark shared that it appears the best plan is to remove 4 rows of hangers and add in 3 new rows of hanger. The thought is to do this in FY 15 or 16 because TIPS funding would be available and this would help to make the project much more cost effective. Mark met with Senator Bivins about getting the funds programmed. There is a TIPS meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Springfield that Mark will attend.
- Greg Sparrow noted that the public should be made aware of the economic impact of the airport.

#### Operations Update:

##### 1. Traffic Counts

- 71 operations a day since July 1, 2013
- 35 airplanes a day

##### 2. Fuel Sales

- FY 2008-2009: \$ 92,069.96
- FY 2009-2010: \$77,380.24
- FY 2010-2011: \$118,879.45
- FY 2011-2012: \$353,952.97
- FY 2012-2013: \$272,467.64
- FY 2013-2014: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter fuel sales are \$153,806.19

**Announcements/Concerns:** Next meeting is October 28, 2013

#### New Agenda Requests:

- Profit/Loss Report for the Airport

**Adjourn Meeting:** At 3:48 p.m., moved by Joel Thompson and seconded by William Tyler, “**I move we adjourn the meeting.**” Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

*Katie Wolf*

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Submitted by Katie Wolf  
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