



ROCHELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, January 26, 2015

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall.

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

**Roll Call:** Present were: Norm Jenkins, Steve Katzman, Bill Tyler, Greg Sparrow, Noah Carmichael, Joel Thompson, and Mike Wood. Also in attendance were Jason Anderson, Daniel Keller, Jeff Leon (WRHL) and Joanne Peters.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Mr. Jenkins seconded by Mr. Tyler: **"I move the minutes of September 24, 2014 be approved."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**Public Commentary:** Jason Anderson asked the Board for input regarding events held at the airport. The Board agreed that it was good exposure to make the community aware of the airport, but expressed concern that the functions not conflict with airport operations. The Board agreed that the pilots are first priority. Jason informed the Board that Rochelle Avionics has a five year lease for hangar and office space at the airport and reported that the "30 Men Who Cook" event did impact their business operations. All Airport events should be brought before the Airport Advisory Board for approval.

**Old Business:**

**1. Runway Project Update**

The runway extension has been completed. The bump in the runway has also been repaired. We are waiting for the FAA to publish the extension.

**2. Taxiway Project Update**

The taxiway has been completed.

**3. Fuel Cabinets**

Fehr-Graham is preparing costs for the FY15/16 budget.

**4. Semler Property**

The appraisal came in at \$80,000. We are waiting for the owner to sign the property access agreement.

**5. TIPS Meeting (ALP)**

Mr. Anderson and Mayor Olson went to the TIPS meeting in Springfield. Mr. Anderson reported the meeting was good and staff is working on a list of challenges to quantify operations in order to justify continued funding. Mr. Thompson advised our restricted weight rating is preventing larger planes from landing and it should coincide with our runway extension. The "Thumper Test" was suggested as a non-destructive way to test the runways weight bearing capacity.

**New Business:** None

**Operations Update:**

**1. Rochelle Avionics**

Rochelle Avionics has remained busy through the winter including off site plane repairs.

**2. Hanger Rental**

All but one hanger is full.

**3. CSC**

Mike Wood advised over the holidays contact was made with the neighboring businesses and farmers. These visits were well received and information between parties was exchanged. They are actively working to keep complaints at a minimum. An area map has been distributed to our local agencies to assist in fire and rescue incidents. The map will also assist in alerting farmers of potential issues. CSC has insurance to take care of any neighboring property accidents. Mike added that they intend to "bid" in the competition for hosting the 2017 US Skydiving Nationals.

**Announcements/Concerns:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2015.

**New Agenda Requests:** None

**Adjourn Meeting:** At 3:40 p.m., moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Tyler, "**I move we adjourn the meeting.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Submitted By,  
Joanne M. Peters