



ROCHELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, March 23, 2015

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, March 23, 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, and Mike Wood. Also in attendance were Danny Keller, Mayor Olson, Jason Anderson, Joanne Peters, and Jeff Leon (WRHL).

**Absent:** Joel Thompson

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Mr. Jenkins seconded by Mr. Wood: **"I move the minutes of January 26, 2015 be approved."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**Public Commentary:** None

**Old Business:**

**a. Semler Property**

All of the assessments have been successfully completed and an offer to purchase will be prepared.

**New Business:**

**a. Wing Fest – July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** - This is a light sport aviation event. Friday is limited to the sponsoring sales and information group. Saturday will be opened to the public for rides and information. The event will be advertised on the airport website and through the Rochelle Chamber.

**b. Summer Country Jam – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**c. 30 Men Who Cook – September 12<sup>th</sup>** – The community hangar will be used and Rochelle Avionics has been advised and agreeable.

**Operations:**

**a. FAA Approach Lighting Inspection** – Danny Keller advised Runway 7 and 25 have both failed the "vertical guidance" low approach levels. The FAA didn't provide why; Hanson engineering is working on the issue. The board asked for a written report when available.

**b. Facility Updates** – Airport staff are freshening up the airport facility; painting, replacing worn door seals on the hangars, replacing rotted wood areas around the doors and replacing old ceiling tiles. The traffic counters are in and will be installed as weather allows. The counters will verify the number of planes which will be helpful for future funding.

- c. **Rochelle Avionics** - Rochelle Avionics has remained busy through the winter including off site plane repairs. They have some big projects scheduled for the spring and summer months.
- d. **Hanger Rental** - All hangers are full and we have a waiting list, so it shouldn't be an issue if someone were to leave.
- e. **CSC** - Mike Wood advised they were busy preparing for the opening season which is officially April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are working on a lease agreement for a "Caravan" unit that carries 6 additional people and climbs at a faster rate. Mike advised they will be hosting several events and intend to "bid" for the National Competition that is a 10 day event held in September in two years. A new restaurant manager has been hired and she intends to add more events. Mike is working with the "Wing" Fest event group. They have a waiting list for additional trailer parking and they require a \$150 deposit in order to keep the area cleaned up. There are several banquets on the schedule.

**Other:** Noah Carmichael inquired about the gas prices being higher than surrounding area. Danny Keller advised that the last load of gas was purchased at a much higher rate.

**Announcements/Concerns:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

**Adjourn Meeting:** At 3:24 p.m., moved by Mr. Carmichael and seconded by Mr. Tyler, "**I move we adjourn the meeting.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Submitted By,  
Joanne M. Peters