



ROCHELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2015

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 21, 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 Noah Carmichael.

Roll Call: Present were: Steve Katzman, Noah Carmichael, Bill Tyler, Joel Thompson, and Mike Wood. Also in attendance were Danny Keller, Mayor Olson, Joanne Peters and Jeff Leon, WRHL radio.

Absent: Greg Sparrow and Norm Jenkins.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Wood: **"I move the minutes of July 27, 2015 be approved."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Public Commentary: None

Old Business:

- a. The third summer "Country Jam" took place August 1st with approximately 1,100 in attendance. The attendance was up over 2014, the bands were good and the Chamber intends to host it again next summer.

New Business:

- a. **Transportation Improvement Program** – The next TIP meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2015 in Springfield. Mayor Olson and Jason Anderson will accompany Danny Keller at the meeting. Danny distributed a copy of the IDOT Division of Aeronautics FY 2016-2020 planned improvements for the Rochelle airport.
- b. **Fuel Sales** – Danny distributed a three FY (July 1 through June 30th) chart of fuel sales and revenue. Sales and revenue are down compared to last year. It was noted that our fuel prices have gone down and we have competitive pricing.
- c. **Farming Plan** – As a way to increase revenue and improve airport efficiencies, Danny is reviewing the option of farming out the land instead of mowing and maintaining the grass areas. The estimated cost to engineer the farm plan layout is \$7,500 which designates what area can be used for farming and what crops can be planted. Danny advised he was going to add the cost to next FY budget. Mr. Woods inquired if CSC could rent more of the land to widen their landing area used for student training purposes. He was going to contact RMU to see if the power lines could be relocated underground.

Operations:

- a. **Rochelle Avionics** - Rochelle Avionics has hired another experienced mechanic as they continue to keep busy.
- b. **Traffic Counters** – The two traffic counters installed in early May indicate 7,800 operations which indicate an increase in traffic. Danny Keller estimates 12,000 by the end of the year.
- c. **Crack Sealing Project** – The street department will complete the crack sealing later this month.
- d. **CSC** - Mike Wood advised the US National's would be held September 28th through October 4th and they anticipate about 50 competitors. September 22nd is the application deadline to bid for the World Competition. Mr. Woods advised he was no longer Manager of Operations for CSC as he resigned this morning.
- e. **2016 Meeting Schedule** – The Board advised the 2016 Airport Advisory Board meetings were normally held 4th Monday of the month. The tentative 2016 AAB Meeting schedule will be held on January 25, March 28, May 23, July 25, Sep 26 and Nov 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Announcements/Concerns: The Mayor advised he was unhappy that the City missed out on the purchase of the Semler property and inquired if we should have put down earnest money. The Mayor asked if it was possible to get a "retired" F15 Plane Shell for the airport. Danny Keller is going to start with email correspondence.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 23, 2015 and at the Airport.

Adjourn Meeting: At 3:36 p.m., motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Woods, "**I move we adjourn the meeting.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Submitted By,
Joanne M. Peters