



AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 22, 2018

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, January 22, 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 Greg Sparrow.

Roll Call: Present at the meeting Board Members: Skip Kenney, Greg Sparrow, Bill Tyler, Joel Thompson, Gary Dunn, William Siemer and Doug Smith Also present: Mike Hudetz, Mayor Olson, Jason Anderson, Adriana Milan, Deb Massey, Rob Flanagan and Ron Hudson From Hanson.

Absent: Noah Carmichael and Norman Jenkins.

Chairman Sparrow officially welcomes Gary Dunn, voting member and William Siemer, alternate member.

Minutes: *A Motion by Mr. Thompson and Seconded by Mr. Tyler to approve the Airport Advisory Minutes dated October 23, 2017.* Motion passed by voice vote.

Operations:

a. Airport – Mike Hudetz reported the following activities and improvements:

- New tenant at the airport house with a 1 year lease
- Replaced a failed well pump at airport house
- Replaced 6 transformers and lights on runway/taxiway (covered by insurance)
- Co-ordinated design of Hydroswing door repair with Willett-Hofmann(no charge)
- Co-ordinated repair of Hydroswing door with Mendota Welding and Mfg.
- Replaced 6 boards in the Fuelmaster system(paid for one)
- Made multiple door repairs on Hangar rows B,C, D due to wind damage
- Inspected drainage on south and north side of 88 and a found blockage
- Repaired/adjusted regulator controlling west PAPIs and runway/taxiway lights
- Cleaned/repared east side Community Hangar furnaces
- Replaced/repared all inside components of the AWOS system
- Negotiated longer payment terms with World Fuel (14 to 21 days)
- Provided a helicopter tour and a presentation to the Japanese Counsel
- Replaced the rear tires on the Dodge Charger crew car
- Winterized all tractors, vehicles and mowers

b. **Rochelle Avionics** – Deb: Business is slow

c. **Chicago Skydiving Center** –

CSC has been operating with reduced staff. Winter hours have been in effect at the restaurant. Banquet operations continue.

d. **A&M Air Sports** –

- Celebrated 20 year anniversary with movie night on December 22, 2018
- Mike will present at a safety seminar in St. Louis Feb 24
- Training will start back up in March

New Business:

- Natex – An application has been submitted to the FAA by Natex Research, for Rochelle to be considered as one of five test site to collect data on the use of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) technology – drones. Natex testing will not affect airport operations and most likely not testing will be done at the airport. Testing will involve different partners with various usages for drones.
- Fire Marshall visit resulted in a waring violation due to fuel level in the tanks was below the limit during weekly testing. Fuel levels must be at least 4000 gal during weekly testing (10,000 gal tanks). Options to meet compliance are being researched.
- ALP – The plan is for 20 years and is updated every 5 years and gets submitted to IDOT division of aeronautics for approval. Ron from Hansen Engineering presented two options for the future development of the airport and board discussed options.
- Love’s Truck stop – The facility and sign are out of the avigation easement.

Old Business:

Hydraulic door has been repaired and is being inspected on a monthly basis. Mike had a power point presentation showing the door damage and repairs.

Public Commentary:

None

Next Meeting: The next Airport Advisory Board meeting is April 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: *“A Motion by Mr. Thompson and Seconded by Mr. Kenney to adjourn at 3:57 p.m.”* Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted By,
Adriana Milan