



ROCHELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2016

The Rochelle Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, October 24, 2016 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 was Greg Sparrow, Noah Carmichael, Steven Katzman, Skip Kenney and Bill Tyler. Also present; Mike Hudetz, Airport Manager, Mayor Olson, Jason Anderson, Joanne Peters, Jeremy Sells and his assistant Deb from Rochelle Avionics and Rob Flanagan of the Rochelle Airport.

Absent: Norm Jenkins and Joel Thompson

Minutes: *A Motion by Mr. Kenney and Seconded by Mr. Tyler to approve the Airport Advisory Minutes dated August 24, 2016.* Motion passed by voice vote.

Operations:

- a. **Airport** – Mike Hudetz reported the following YTD activities and improvements:
- Airport staffed from 8 AM to 4PM, 365 days a year
 - Cleared up delinquent hangar payments and irregular rental arrangements
 - Set up on call system for after-hours services
 - Upgraded security camera system
 - Corrected all information on airport website
 - Sold airport courtesy car and obtained replacement
 - Made arrangement with neighboring company for storing snowplow truck
 - Conducted safety inspection with Rochelle fire department of FBO and hangars
 - Corrected multiple mechanical and service problems on fuel pumps
 - Adjusted hangar rates to be consistent for all tenants starting in 2017
 - Hosted 4 events at the airport during summer
 - Corrected multiple problems at the airport house
 - Corrected landscaping problems at the FBO, CSC and airport house
 - Met with Hanson Engineering and IDOT to prep for TIP grant
 - Attended IPAA seminar
 - Repaired multiple sections of fencing
 - Repaired lights in multiple hangars

- Repaired and adjusted 25 PAPI in prep for FAA inspection
- Corrected serious plumbing/drainage problem in community hangar
- Sold 59,000 gallons of Jet A, compared to 57,000 in 2015
- Sold 29,000 gallons of 100 LL, compared to 24,000 in 2015
- Recorded over 15,000 hits on our aircraft tracker vs 8,000 in 2015

- b. Rochelle Avionics** – Mr. Sells reported business is good and the ADS mandate is going to keep them busy enough that he anticipates operating a seven (7) day work week. Jeremy added that there were 270,000 planes nationwide that will have to comply with the mandate. Jeremy requested that he be advised of any runway/ramp improvements as the construction and closing of the runway will impact his business. The busiest time frame expected for the ADS mandate is the second half of 2018 and all of 2019. Mike will work with Jeremy to keep him informed about any airport construction.
- c. Chicago Skydiving Center** – Mike Hudetz reported that the skydiving season was ending and there were 40,000 jumps this year. Jason added that he and Mike are in the process of scheduling meetings with all airport businesses for an annual review of the airport activities and to discuss issues and needed improvements. Greg Sparrow requested to participate in the meetings.
- d. A&M Sports** – Mr. Hudetz reported that while the season was winding down, it was good and it brought several people into Rochelle that used the restaurants and hotels.

New Business: Mike shared a PowerPoint that he has prepared for his meeting in Springfield with the Division of Aeronautics. Mike reported there were no improvements in 2016 and intends to request the runway surface rehabilitation and to increase the runway weight capacity as top priorities. Mike will also request; the installation of a single point fueling for Jet A, the addition of a heavy capacity tug, the addition of backup power generation, taxiway surface rehabilitation, ramp service rehabilitation, and the replacement of aging hangers. The meeting in Springfield is October 25th. The 2017 Airport Advisory meeting schedule was distributed.

Old Business: Mike Hudetz reported that the AWOS that had been hit by lightning was back in service. Mr. Kenney inquired about the low approaches over the airport and if it was being addressed. Mr. Hudetz advised that a farmer has complained and the Fire Chief has a video and pictures of some of the reported incidents. The Fire Chief has voiced his concern of the dangers as it is a serious safety issue. Mike reported that he has attempted to talk to Doug at the Chicago Skydiving Center, but was unsuccessful. Jason reported it will be discussed with the Chicago Skydiving folks at their annual review meeting that has been scheduled for November 14th.

Public Commentary:



Other: Noah Carmichael asked if Roy Jones was off the Board and/or if there was an open position. Mr. Kenney, the Board alternate advised he would be interested in taking the position if it is available which would mean the alternate position would need to be filled. Both Noah and Mike know of interested individuals. Mike will verify with Mr. Jones and anyone interested in filling a vacancy should notify Mayor Olson.

Noah suggested that the stripes on the runway be repainted. Jeremy added that the "compass" marks could use a fresh coat of paint as they're helpful to his business.

Next Meeting: The next Airport Advisory Board meeting is January 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: *"A Motion by Mr. Kenney and Seconded by Mr. Carmichael to adjourn at 3:42 p.m."* Motion passed by voice vote.

Submitted By,
Joanne M. Peters