

**Grand Haven Memorial Airpark**

**Airpark Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 25, 2018**

**Meeting called to order:** at 5:32 pm

Chairperson Ben Ennenga

**Present: (Board Members)**

Craig Christilaw

Richard Clapp

Ben Ennenga

Chris Kostamo

Tony VanHouwelingen

Pat McGinnis (City Manager in temporary role of Board Liaison)

Earle Bares (Airport Manager)

**Absent:**

Jack Frost

**Guests:**

George Brewer (Orion Aircraft Services)

Dennis Scott (Grand Haven City Council)

Rex Singerling (Grand Haven Airport tenant)

Ron Kuhlman (Grand Haven Radio Control Club)

Motion by Craig Christilaw, supported by

Chris Kostamo, to approve the Board Meeting minutes of August 28, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

**Call to Audience:** Rex Singerling, Grand Haven Airport tenant, discussed a problem with birds entering his hanger and soiling the aircraft and hanger floor. Ron Kuhlman suggested that mylar ribbons hung in the hangers may help keep the birds out of the hanger. Solutions were discussed, and Earle Bares will look into a possible fix to this problem. George Brewer (Orion Aircraft Maintenance) discussed an increase in the number of aircraft being serviced, and the fact that he has hired another mechanic (Nick Giuchci). Dennis Scott (Grand Haven City Council) discussed the fact that currently there are no vacant hangers available for aircraft. Earle Bares (Grand Haven Aviation Association and EAA Chapter 211) discussed the success of the Hanger Dance on September 15, 2018, as well as other projects being completed by the Association.

**Acceptance of Financials for August 2018 :** Acceptance will be delayed until current figures are available to the Airport Board.

**Construction Update:** Earle Bares reported that taxiway construction, repaving, and striping is complete.

**Door Update:** Replacement of the Community Hanger door has been approved by Grand Haven City Council, the door has been ordered, and should be delivered by October 31, 2018. SkyDive Grand Haven is happy that the door will be replaced soon, and they plan to continue operations as long as possible. Earle Bares also discussed the need for a meeting between local pilots and SkyDive Grand Haven for better communications during skydiving operations.

**Hanger Occupancy Report:** Pat McGinnis (Board Liaison) reported that all hangers are occupied by either airplanes or Store and Lock (non-aviation) tenants. Chairperson Ben Ennenga reiterated the need to concentrate on finding room for aircraft in the F Row, G Row, and H Row hangers, as these hangers are the newest hangers, and thus are in the best condition. Three Store and Lock (non-aviation) tenants have received notice of eviction, and these evictions are in process. When these hangers are empty, they will be made available to aircraft owners for rental.

**Tree Clearing Update:** There are three parcels to be cleared in the near future (beginning in November 2018). Parcels E62, E63, and E64 are to be cleared, but rights need to be obtained from the property owners. The Airport does have 27 trees that will be trimmed after November 2018 by Get-R-Cut Tree Service.

**Airport Manager's Report:** Earle Bares reports record fuel sales for August, a huge increase in airport operations (take off and landings). Current fuel price is \$4.44, which is lower than many local airports, and has contributed to the increase in activity at Grand Haven Airport. The grass cutting mower deck has been repaired, and the entire airport grass has been cut recently. All other operations (tie downs, business and corporate usage, hanger rental, maintenance) are all trending up. The airport beacon has not yet been approved by the FAA, and Earle Bares or Pat McGinnis will follow up on this project.

**Administrative Liaison Report:** Pat McGinnis reports a balance approximately \$129,000.00 in the Airport cash fund, as of August 31, 2018. Pat reminded the Airport Board that the Michigan Department of Transportation will make a presentation to the Grand Haven City Council on October 1, 2018, at 7:00 pm. All Board members are asked to attend to show support of the airport. Also, Pat also reminded the Board that the Michigan Department of Transportation (Office of Aeronautics) annual meeting in Lansing will be October 24, 2018. All board members are invited to attend.

**Second Call to the Audience:** No comments.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Craig Christilaw, supported by Rick Clapp, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Motion passed unanimously .

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Christilaw  
Acting Airpark Board Secretary