

Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

April 9, 2017

Members Present: Pewe, Lockwood, Sharp, Szarafinski, Walters, Mackie

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by chairman Rich Pewe.

The Airport Advisory Committee welcomed new committee members Bruce Sharp.

Pewe began a discussion regarding the need to elect a new chairman. Rich's term has expired. Rich recommended Roy Szarafinski. Quinton Lockwood concurred with Rich, a vote passed unanimously. Roy Szarafinski is the new AAC Chairman.

Rich Pewe asked began the discussion to approve the previous January minutes. Lockwood approved, motion passed unanimously.

A discussion occurred regarding the new Apron. The committee wanted to make sure that the re-bid ended up saving the City of Hillsdale money. It was confirmed that the re-bid is saving the city money, and that the proper funding was available. The AAC was pleased at the development opportunities unfolding before the apron is even constructed. Interest from a couple of new aircraft, and companies wanting to construct corporate

hangar's in the near future have arose. Airport Manager, Jason Walters, expounded on the potential corporate hangar construction, and read a letter from the potential investor. Rich Pewe made a motion to have the AAC draft a letter to present to City Council recommending we move forward with the new apron project, motion seconded by Bruce Sharp. Motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Roy Szarafinski expressed his desire to incorporate an educational component to the airport. Airport Manager Walters offered to donate time and space. Roy is going to contact Jake Hammel, and Rich Pewe is going to contact the Community Foundation.

Manager's Report:

Jason has not been impressed with the efforts exhibited by the new mechanic/flight instructor. Fly-in is scheduled for September 10th, 2017. An airplane has been purchased by FBO Patriot Aviation, to be used for rental, and a flight school. The flight school is up and operational. The new apron construction will not be done in time for Michigan International Speedway NASCAR Races, but we still hope to have a few planes come in. The apron is expected to be a 60 day project.

Rich Pewe recommended the airport host a constitution day. The committee agreed that is would be a great event to host.

Airport Manager Jason Walters would like to entertain the idea of hosting the trunk or treat at the airport with the Fire Department.

July meeting will be held Saturday August 12th, the AAC will be discussing and planning for the fly-in.

There was no other business to vote on.

Motion to adjourn by Rich Pewe, seconded by Quinton Lockwood. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.