

City of Mt. Pleasant
Airport Advisory Board
Thursday, February 12, 2015
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
Present: Glen Irwin, Cathy Tilmann, Patty Krcmarik, and Mark Drumheller
Absent: Donna Kriss
Staff Present: John Benzinger and John Zang
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Tilmann, support by Drumheller to accept as written.
Motion passed.
- III. Public Comment on Agenda Items
None
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Motion by Drumheller, support by Tilmann to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 and January 8, 2015 meetings.
Motion passed.
- V. Airport Manager's Report
John Benzinger gave the Manager's Report.

Jet A fuel sales were down in January, and 100LL fuel sales were normal.

John Benzinger sent the yearend report to John Zang and Sue Jones.

Cathy Tilmann asked if we have any underground fuel tanks. John Benzinger advised that all tanks are aboveground. Last year aboveground pipes for the Jet A were installed. This year the underground pipes for 100LL should be replaced.

There was a lengthy discussion about snow removal. City equipment was used in experiments to explore cost savings. Pickup trucks were used. John Benzinger was told that in some conditions, the City's trucks are too big to use. John Benzinger had to slow down the big City trucks. At higher speeds, the force of the thrown snow was breaking the runway lights. Approximately 8 – 10 lights were broken and depending on what parts need to be replaced, this could cost from \$8.00 - \$120.00/light. When the McGuirk crew breaks a light, they pay the replacement cost. When the City breaks a light, it comes out of the Airport budget.

The airport blue tractor has a rubber scrapper on its blade. We are looking into the cost of a replacement steel blade.

John Zang said that after the first two weeks of January, McGuirk's snow removal costs were over \$7,000.00. That was when the decision to use City trucks was made. Pat McGuirk and Mark Carrier met with John Zang and

stated they had an exclusive airport snow removal contract. Cathy Tilmann asked where the issue stood legally. John Zang stated that while the contract states no other contractors, it doesn't say the City cannot plow the airport. The City attorney is looking into it.

Glen Irwin asked if it is possible for the airport to get its own frontend loader. Glen questioned getting the older loader that the City plans to sell. John Zang said the City plans to experiment the next time it snows. McGuirk's crew will always be faster because they can put on more people and equipment at any time, but they are considerably more expensive. John Benzinger asked if the City would be able to come out at 3:00 a.m. for a 7:00 a.m. jet arrival. John Zang asked at what point are the snow removal costs worth it for a single plane.

Patty Krcmarik stated that many companies sell equipment, and will give recommendations on what type of equipment is best suited for our snow removal needs.

John Zang advised that one T-hangar tenant has no proof of insurance. Hopefully it is a paper error on the tenant's part.

VI. Old Business
None

VII. New Business
New Board Member Welcome – Patty Krcmarik

Patty is a new full-term Airport Board member.

VIII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda and Agenda Items
None

IX. Announcements on Airport Related Issues and Concerns
Patty Krcmarik said that WMU has a post-doctoral program in aviation where students can come in and evaluate airports.

X. Adjournment
Motion by Drumheller, support by Tilmann, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.