

Washington Island Airport

Town of Washington
Washington Island Airport Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 10th, 2013 6:30 p.m.
Rutledge Room in the Community Center

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order: Chairman Mike Berger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Rutledge Room.
- 2) Roll Call: Present by roll call were Committee members Mike Berger, Joel Gunnlaugsson, Ed Graf, Gary Crites and Lu Beekman. All present.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion by Graf, second by Crites to approve the following listed minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A) WIAAC 08/19/2013

4) Communication and Correspondence:

A.) Fax from Mike Saxton:

- Message from Mike Saxton, reinforcing the consideration for a paved runway and favorably commenting on the success of the DDBBQ event.
- It was also noted that Mike Saxton had temporarily installed a video camera on and in his hangar. The webcam was displayed for the Committee and attending group on a laptop computer. He will be contacted for further details for possible use at this airport.

5) Discussion and Recommendation Items:

A.) Discussion - 6 year A.I.P.

- It was emphasized that the 6 year AIP plan was a required plan filed every two years (even number years) with the Bureau of Aeronautics as a planning and budgeting tool for potential future projects.
- It in no way commits the Town to implementation of the listed projects or represents a petition for funding of these plans. It is for budgeting and planning purposes only.
- Since the plan was not submitted in 2012, Mary Straits, BOA stated they would accept the filing of this plan as the 2014 plan.
- A Resolution will be submitted to the Town Board to be forwarded with the plan for filing.

B.) Discussion/Motion – Letter to Tenants – Hangar Use. Motion by Beekman, second by Graf to forward the Letter to Tenants to the Town Board for approval. Motion carried.

C.) Discussion - Publication from Wayne Boyer:

- It was duly noted that the publication in the Observer, September 19th, 2013 did not address the purpose of the A.I.P. plan, rather it suggested the recommended items as impending projects. Since the article misleads the intent of the A.I.P. plan, a

discussion was opened up to discuss what steps could be taken to alleviate misconceptions, create better public communication and emphasize the intents and commitments of the Committee for the Airport.

Motion by Berger, second by Crites to summarize the comments from the Committee to be given to the Town Board addressing this situation and possible solutions. Motion carried.

6) Reports/Announcements

A.) Airport Conference – Mike Berger: Mike Berger attended the State Airport Manager Conference. The following comments summarize the Conference. His complete report will be given to the Town Board.

- Funding from FAA (federal) and BOA (state) is stable for airport improvements. This funding for airport improvements is generated through aircraft registrations, aircraft fuel, etc.
- Airports qualified for Federal funding is part of the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems). These airports are more eligible because of their strategic locations much like 'safe harbors' on waterways. Of the 80 municipal and 8 commercial airports deemed NPIAS airports in Wisconsin, Washington Island Airport is considered one of them.
- He stated the State will be more restrictive in hangar use.
- The state is still encouraging communities to purchase surrounding property at airports as it becomes available.
- The Wisconsin District office in Milwaukee is being combined with Illinois.
- Airports are expected to obtain a Wildlife Impact Assessment. This plan will be good for 10 years.
- Utility documentation is needed to be on file with the State. Crites stated he would talk to Rob Cornell.
- Concern was mentioned of the new carbon fiber materials and parachute systems used in newer airplanes. The speaker offered to come to the Island to give a presentation. Berger will arrange for this safety training with the Fire Department prior to the next fly-in.
- The Committee should prepare an Aircraft Accident Response Plan for the Island. This can be done together with the Fire and Police Dept.
- The Washington Island DDBBQ was mentioned at the Conference as potential/purposeful uses for Airports.
- Talks were given on community communications and interactions.

7) Community Input.

- Kickbush questioned when the paving issue would be brought to a referendum.
- Ed O'Neill submitted a list of questions regarding the Airport and potential projects. This will be answered by the Committee members and returned to him.

8) Board Input.

- Beekman stated a notice of advertisement for consultant services was submitted by the BOA. They are accepting applications for all interested engineering firms for engineering services for projected plans.
- Berger stated that perhaps we could combine services with other local airports.

- Aerial pictures were passed around of the Lion's Club Fly-in.

9) Next Meeting Topics and Schedule: Next meeting to be determined.

2013 DDBBQ debrief. - 2014 DDBBQ-invite event coordinators.

Discuss the budget with Walt Nehlsen.

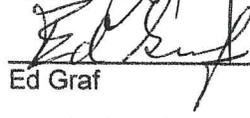
Discuss marketing options for the Airport with Chamber of Commerce.

Update state information on aircraft based at 2P2.

10) Adjournment: Motion by Graf, second by Crites to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 7:45 a.m.



Michael Berger

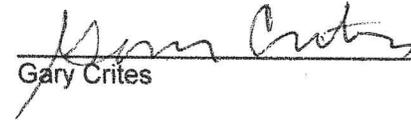


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