

City of Greensburg, Indiana

Board of Aviation Commissioners

Monday, August 25, 2014

7:00 pm

President Jon Dooley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Don Whipple, Jim Pruett, Bill Ernstes, Oris Reece, and Jon Dooley. Don Manley – BF&S was also present. Judy Curd performed the duties of Secretary.

Agenda Approval - The meeting agenda was reviewed. The item Budget was added under Old Business and Approve Payment of Bills was moved to the first item under New Business. A motion was made by Don Whipple and seconded by Oris Reece to accept the agenda with the discussed changes. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes - Judy Curd read the minutes from the July 28 regular meeting. A motion was made by Oris Reece and Don Whipple seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote

Financial Report – Bill Ernstes read the Airport Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget – Bill Ernstes and Don Whipple met and reviewed the Appropriations Report. Bill noted that they had slimmed down the report by eliminating unused accounts. The total proposed budget for 2015 is \$80,670. Bill also noted that the airport operates on its own income and does not require funding from the City Council. However, as a courtesy, the budget will be presented to the City Council. Oris Reece made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Jim Pruett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of Bills - After discussion, Don Whipple made a motion and Bill Ernstes seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Request for Weather Reporting Station – Jon Dooley read a letter from Michael O’Leary, Aviation Site Manager of the Life Line Program for Metro Aviation, Inc. The letter contained a request that consideration be given to adding an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS III) to the Greensburg Airport. He noted that the closest weather reporting system is located at the Columbus Municipal Airport. He added that the installation of this system would greatly improve the aviation safety operations in our area. Don Manley noted that the cost for the AWOS III system would be approximately \$200,000 and that it is an AIP eligible item. The board will investigate the matter further to obtain actual cost and how to pay for it. Oris Reece suggested that this item be put on the next agenda and remain there until a vote is taken.

Don Manley of BF&S – Don Manley spoke to the board and reminded them that the next Aviation Association of Indiana meeting will be held on October 14-15-16 at the Belterra Resort in Vevay, IN. He suggested that members attend the Board Member Training for New and Experienced Board Members on Wednesday. The session will give attendees a better understanding of how the airport interacts with the FAA and INDOT. It would also be an opportunity to talk with their peers and attend the panel discussions. Don also noted that there will be a discussion led by Ruth Ann Ingraham on her recently released book, “Cap” Cornish, Indiana Pilot: Navigating the Century of Flight, which tells the story of her father who ran the first Department of Aviation in Indiana. At age 97, he broke the Guinness World Record as the oldest actively flying pilot.

Comments from the board – Bill noted that his wife paid a compliment to the Greensburg Airport on a recent trip to the Bridgeport, Connecticut airport. The Greensburg Airport grounds are in much better condition, neatly mowed and present a much better overall appearance than the Bridgeport, Connecticut airport.

Meeting Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

There being no further business before the board, Oris Reece made a motion and Jim Pruett seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and President Jon Dooley adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Greensburg, IN.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Curd – Board Secretary

BOAC President

BOAC Vice-president

BOAC Member

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