

Wiscasset Municipal Airport Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2024 - submitted by Steve Williams

Opening

The regular meeting of the Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on April 17th by Chair Steve Williams. Members present: Pam Brackett, Ray Soule, Mike Costigan, and Stephen Williams. Also in attendance Airport manager Rick Tetrev, and Selectman William Maloney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 20th meeting were read, and approved with no corrections.

Airport Manager's March Report

Fuel Sold

- 100LL Avgas: \$4,403.95 (697.930 gallons)
- Jet-A: \$ 0.00 (0.000 gallons)
- Fuel sales of Avgas in March was down by \$1,825.47 from February, which equates in gallons to 289 fewer gallons sold.
- Fuel sales of Jet-A remained at zero gallons sold.
- The price of Avgas remained the same at \$6.31 per gallon and Jet-A dropped to \$4.87 per gallon.

Fuel Purchases

- 100LL: none.
- Jet-A: 500 gallons March 11. Dropped price at pump to \$4.87.

General Comments and Operations:

- Flight activity for the month of March was 136 operations. At the end of March, we have had 458 operations for the calendar year. Severe weather has been a negative factor in ops as well as fuel sales for another month.
- Budget, to date we have spent 61.7% of our budget and collected 62.7% of revenues. The Land Leases and Airplane Excise Tax Bills were mailed out. Most have been paid and have made a big difference on the revenue side of the budget for the month.
- I reported last month that at both the East and West ends of the runway (25 and 07) we have two different landing light services owned and operated by the FAA. One is the PAPI Precision Approach Path Indicator, which aids the pilots to have the correct glide slope the other is the REIL Runway End Identification Lights telling the pilots where the end of the runway is. Both of the PAPI systems and the Eastern REIL (25 end) are not working. The FAA has sent maintenance people from Massachusetts to work on the outage but have not been able to fix the problem to date and have not given us a date when they will. The most recent communications with FAA they were supposed to come on April 15. I suspect that the most recent storm has held them up.

They have concluded that one of the underground electrical cables is broken and will have to dig the cable runs up to find and repair it.

Old Business

- Ramp reconstruction project slated for design in 2024 and construction in 2025.
- Airport approach landing system lights still inoperative. FAA technician are scheduled to do the repairs.
- Summer Hours go into effect June 1st and Gene Fairfield will return to help with staffing.
- Public Relations- Committee discussed article in paper on economic benefits of airport submitted by Wiscasset's Economic Development Director.
- Hangar Development- no new developments
- Airport Courtesy Vehicle -Selectman Maloney Economic Development Director Aaron Chrostowsky queried Maine Municipal Association regarding airport owning and reting out a vehicle. The association did not recommend it.
- Non Resident committee member voting privlage issue public hearing scheduled for sometime before Novembers election.
- Alternate or additional committee member ordiance change tabled till outcome of non resident voting privlage request.

New Business

- **None**

Public Comments

None

Calendar

Next regular meeting is May 15, 2024.

Adjournment

At 5:45

Current Committee Members

Steve Williams Chair 12/26

Erv Deck 12/24

Pam Brackett 12/26

Ray Soule 12/24

Mike Costigan 12/24