

Wiscasset Municipal Airport Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024 - submitted by Steve Williams

Opening

The regular meeting of the Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on May 15th by Chair Steve Williams. Members present: Pam Brackett, Ray Soule, Erv Deck, Mike Costigan, and Stephen Williams. Also in attendance Airport manager Rick Tetrev, Selectman William Maloney and Wiscasset citizen Mark Light.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 17th meeting were read, and approved with no corrections.

Airport Manager's April Report

Fuel Sold

- 100LL Avgas: \$11,774.03 (1,865.930 gallons)
- Jet-A: \$ 0.00 (0.000 gallons)
- Fuel sales of Avgas in March was up by \$7,370.08 from March, which equates in gallons to 1,576.93 more gallons sold.
- Fuel sales of Jet-A remained at zero gallons sold.
- The price of Avgas and Jet-A remained the same at \$6.31 per gallon and Jet-A \$4.87 per gallon.

Fuel Purchases

- 100LL: April 24 purchased 7,000 gallons. Severe weather events so far in 2024 has had a significant effect on flight ops as indicated by the reduced number of purchases of Avgas. In previous years, we normally have our third purchase of 100LL for the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) in February. This year our third purchase was the end of April.
- Jet-A: none

General Comments and Operations:

- Flight activity for the month of April was 187 operations. At the end of April, we had 645 operations for the calendar year.
- Budget, to date we have spent 66.8% of our budget and collected 73.6% of revenues. Land Leases have all been collected except for \$839.78. Airplane Excise Airplane Excise Taxes have all been collected.
- The powerful Nor'easter that affected the entirety of Wiscasset on April 4 affected the Airport as well. The main detrimental effects at the airport were due to loss of power and a power surge. This is the second time this year we have lost power. The difference this time was the power surge that accompanied the power outage. In January, there was no damage to the circuits. This time the furnace control unit in the FBO building "blew" which "kept us in the dark" with no heat for several more days. Fortunately, the plumbing in the FBO are all at the center of the building and there were no frozen pipes.

Old Business

- Ramp reconstruction project slated for design in 2024 and construction in 2025.
- Airport approach landing system lights still inoperative. FAA technician identified problem and will return late June.
- Summer Hours go into effect June 1st and Gene Fairfield will return to help with staffing.
- Public Relations- Committee member Mike Costigan continues to attend Chamber events representing airport committee.
- Hangar Development- no new developments
- Airport Courtesy Vehicle -Selectman Maloney to query Town Manager Simmons on issue. Steve Williams and Rick Tetrev to follow up with Economic Director Aaron Chrostowsky regarding airport owning vs leasing a vehicle.
- Non Resident committee member voting privilege issue public hearing scheduled for sometime before November's election.

New Business

- Rick Tar's Piper Colt which has not been in flying condition in last 15 years was removed from the field.
- Airport surplus property in Edgecomb which was the site of the discontinued NDB station has been identified by Economic Director Chrostowsky as a revenue source either for leasing property or placing it up for sale.

Public Comments

None

Calendar

Next regular meeting is June 19th, 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