

Wiscasset Municipal Airport Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023 - submitted by Steve Williams

Opening

The regular meeting of the Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:05 pm on September 20 by Chair Steve Williams. A quorum was not present so the meeting was conducted as a workshop, Members present: Ray Soule, Pam Brackett and Stephen Williams. Also in attendance Airport manager Rick Tetrev and Selectman William Maloney the new airport committee liaison.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 16 meeting were reviewed but not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Airport Manager's August Report

Fuel Sold

- 100LL Avgas: \$25,744 (4,182 gallons)
- Jet-A: (320 gallons)

Fuel Purchases

- 100LL Avgas: 8,424 gallons on August 8th.
- Jet-A: none

FAA's Airport Master Record Update, conducted by Aviation Technologies, LLC, Springfield, Illinois – Conducted every three years.

- The approach to Runway 07 is now a clear 20:1 slope. The obstructing trees have been removed and the approach is actually better than 20:1, which is FAA's minimum criterion.
- The approach to 25 remains at a clear 20:1 surface and meets FAA criterion for a non-precision straight-in procedure.
- There are areas of isolated brush located within the Primary Surface to Runway 7-25 that need to be removed. (The Primary Surface on a runway is 500' wide for the entire length of the runway and extends 200' beyond each threshold. Note: Action on the removal has begun.
- The concluding remarks are as follows: "The new runway pavement and markings are a great improvement to the airport. In addition, the removal of the obstructions in the approach to Runway 7 is also to be commended. For your consideration, I (the inspector) would suggest that the 5-year CIP (Capital Improvement Program) include funding for clearing the remaining obstructions to the Primary Surface. An additional item would be to enclose the drainage ditch just beyond Taxiway B so that the area will be easier to maintain."
- Significant Grades or comments received for various areas were:
 - Services Fuel A+, up from A
 - Operations per annum Air Taxi 275, General Aviation (local) 3,800, General Aviation (Itinerant) 3,100, Military 25, Total 7,200
- Based Aircraft Single Engine-28, Multi Engine-2, Helicopters-1 Total 31

General Comments and Operations

- Flight activity for the month of August was higher than in July with 470 operations versus 342.
- The solar project is online.

- The airport manager met with Cynergy the builder of the solar farm regarding ruts left by construction vehicles. They will repair the damage.
- Public Works director has located company to clear brush on Rwy 25 end that were discussed previously in Master Records Update.

Old Business

- **Hangar Development-** Reviewed hangar development possibilities on Rwy 07 end of airport.
- Committee discussed steps in getting current non resident committee member voting rights. Issue will need select board approval.
- **Airport Courtesy Car-** no developments other than the increase in solar farm revenue now that it is operational.

New Business

- none

Airport Minimum Standards

- The draft is in the hands of the Town Manager Dennis Simmons.

Public Comments

None

Calendar

Next regular meeting is October 18, 2023.

Adjournment

At 5:45

Current Committee Members

Steve Williams Chair 12/23

Erv Deck 12/24

Pam Brackett 12/23

Ray Soule 12/24

Mike Costigan 12/24