

Wiscasset Municipal Airport Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024 - submitted by Steve Williams

Opening

The regular meeting of the Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on March 20th by Chair Steve Williams. Members present: Ray Soule, Mike Costigan, Erv Deck and Stephen Williams. Also in attendance Airport manager Rick Tetrev, and Selectman William Maloney.

Approval of Minutes

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

Airport Manager's February Report

Fuel Sold

- 100LL Avgas: \$6,229.42 (987.230 gallons)
- Jet-A: \$ 0.00 (0.000 gallons)
- Fuel sales of Avgas in February were up by \$2,687.44 from January, which equates in gallons to 206.43 more 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 remained the same @ \$5.13 per gallon.

Fuel Purchases

- 100LL: none.
- Jet-A: none.

General Comments and Operations:

- Flight activity for the month of February was 181 operations. At the end of February, we have 322 operations for the calendar year. (Note: I use calendar year to report totals because that is how the operations software counter reports them.) Severe Weather has been a big factor in ops as well as fuel sales.
- Budget, we have spent 49.5% of the budget and collected 27.5% of revenues. Billing for Land Leases and airplane excise tax billed and both will make a big difference on the revenue side of the budget in the March accounting.
- 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.

Old Business

- Solar Farm Income- At last meeting it was reported that solar farm owners were behind in payments. The project is transitioning from the construction phase to the operational phase. With that comes a new owner and with this transition there is a land survey that needs to be

signed off on. The Town Manager Dennis Simmon's expects the matter to be completed and the payments to get back on track.

- Ramp reconstruction project slated for design in 2024 and construction in 2025.
- Hangar Development- Steve Williams and Rick Tetrev to meet with Aaron Chrostowsky and discuss possible grants.
- Airport Courtesy Vehicle -Selectman Maloney reported that Town was exploring leasing police cruisers and that might be a option for the airport.
- Non Resident committee member voting privilage issue now moved to a public hearing scheduled for April 9th in conjunction with regular Selectman's meeting.
- Alternate or additional committee member ordinance change tabled till outcome of non resident voting privilage request.

New Business

- **None**

Airport Minimum Standards

- AMS approved by Selectboard on March 5th. Erv Deck and Steve Williams addressed selectboard and answered questions.

Public Comments

Lisa Reece Wiscasset's AOPA Airport Network Rep briefed the committee on information supplied by USDA Biologist on airport vegetation plans to discourage wildlife. Erv Deck and Rick Tetrev had also attended the Maine DOT Advisory committee meeting and added to the discusiion.

Calendar

Next regular meeting is April 17th, 2024.

Adjournment

At 6:00

Current Committee Members

Steve Williams Chair 12/26

Erv Deck 12/24

Pam Brackett 12/26

Ray Soule 12/24

Mike Costigan 12/24