



**GARDEN CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
February 14, 2013**

5:30PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Fischer, Marlo Miller, Bill Jones, Mike Scheiman, and Darin German

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlie Robinson and Ken Frey

STAFF PRESENT

Derek Barr and Miranda Benedict

ITEM 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

Battalion Chief Morris informed the Airport Advisory Board and staff that a member of the Garden City Fire Department will be present at any future board meetings.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14, 2013 MINUTES

Mike Scheiman made a motion to approve the February 14, 2013 Airport Advisory Board minutes. Darin German seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

ITEM 3 LEASE REVIEW

Staff informed the Airport Advisory Board that Mike Scheiman has been renting the airport house located at 2214 Air Service Road since July 15, 2005. The rent on this property was increased to \$600.00 on 07/01/2012. The lease will automatically renew unless written notice is provided. Bill Jones thought that was an adequate amount for the property. Ed Fischer made a motion to renew the lease at \$600.00 per month; Darin German seconded the motion, and the motion was carried out unanimously. Eagle Med has been renting the space located at 2145 S Air Service Rd since August 1, 2010 for \$890.75 per month. The lease will automatically renew unless written notice is provided. Mike Scheiman made a motion to keep lease as is; Bill Jones seconded the motion, the motion was carried out unanimously.

ITEM 4 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff informed the Airport Advisory Board that construction is underway on the parking lot expansion and is expected to be completed by late April. Darin German asked if additional lighting would be installed. The staff informed Darin

that there are two lights in the parking lot. Marlo Miller asked who the contractor was on the parking lot expansion and Derek Barr informed that JAG Construction was the contractor.

Darin German asked the staff saw any positive from the pretreatment liquid during the last snowfall. Staff informed Darin that yes; the liquid deicer does work well especially in the wake of a winter storm. Ed Fischer asked if there were any chemical concerns regarding the new snow equipment removal building. Staff informed Ed that chemical concerns are not an issue. Staff informed Ed that the building will be used to store urea; as well as, equipment and generate space for maintenance on equipment.

Mike Scheiman informed the Airport Advisory Board about the contract tower closures; any airport that does less than 150,000 operations and/or 10,000 commercial flights is on the list to be closed. Mike Scheiman stated that Garden City Regional Airport along with 15 others will remain open until September 30, 2013 due to the cost share agreement; however, the other 149 would be scheduled to close on April 7, 2013. Mike informed the Airport Advisory board that all operating airports were requested to submit a letter as to why they should remain open; with a final decision due on March 18, 2013. Senator Moran introduced a bill to keep towers operating; however, the bill was rejected March 14, 2013. Mike wrote letters to President Obama, Senators Roberts and Moran, as well as, Congressman Huelskamp; explaining the severe national economic impacts that the Garden City Regional Airport would have on the national airspace system. Mike Scheiman informed the board and staff; in the unfortunate case that we do lose our tower, we would no longer get T1's. Staff informed the board that we did contact our representative for American Eagle and they plan to continue their service with our airport. Ed Fischer asked about the safety of operating without a tower. Mike informed him that safety would always be an issue as long as there is no tower. Ed Fischer asked what would be the cost of keeping the tower open. Mike told Ed that some cities had been discussing "footing" their own bills to keep the tower open but it's over \$300,000. Ed Fischer asked in the event that we do close on September 30th; would the city be willing to use the airports FAA AIP million dollar grant to fund the association fees. Mike Scheiman informed the board that the grant cannot be used for the tower operating costs. The FAA is really specific as to where the funds can be used. Bill Jones asked if the tower closings would affect our million dollar grant. Mike explained as long as we have 10,000 enplanements that we would be grant eligible. Marlo Miller asked the staff if our charter flight would continue without a tower and Derek informed him that it wouldn't be an issue. Mike encouraged everyone to contact their local and state officials and get involved; promote the tower. The closure would decrease fuel sales and traffic.

ITEM 5 MONTHLY REPORTS

The staff reviewed the monthly reports with the airport advisory board.

ITEM 6 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Ed Fischer – No Comment
- B. Charlie Robinson – Absent
- C. Ken Fry – Absent
- D. Marlo Miller – Expressed his safety concerns about operating without a tower.
- E. William (Bill) Jones – No Comment
- F. Mike Scheiman – Reiterated the importance of keeping the tower.
- G. Darin Germann – Requested to send around a picture of the black hawks that were on the ramp. He asked about the lights for the T-hangars and Derek Barr explained that the lights are coming and the wall packs are on their way. He also expressed his concerns on the safety of operating without a tower and explained he feels that it's going to take an accident to get something accomplished.

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

Ed Fischer made a motion to adjourn. Mike Scheiman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.