

**Minutes of the July 14, 2009 Monthly Meeting of the  
Michigan City Aviation Board of Commissioners**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM in the terminal building at the airport.

**Members Present:** Tom Ringo, David Miller, Paul Sammann **A quorum was present.**

**Members Absent:** Greg Poulin

**Others Present:** Jessica Groff- Airport Manager, Joe Doyle- Council Liaison, Karla Price- RW Armstrong

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 9, regular monthly meeting were read with no corrections noted. **Motion to approve:** David Miller **Second:** Paul Sammann **Motion Approved.**

**Reports:**

**Finance:** The June, 2009 operations and financial reports were summarized by Jessica Groff. The overall budget and account balances are projected under budget. We are over our projected budget in 4 accounts. The two accounts that money will have to be moved around for are electric/gas and equipment repair. We have spent 75% of the budgeted amount for electric/gas in the last 6 months and 77% for equipment repair. The preliminary 2010 airport budget was submitted to the controller's office on June 30.

In the month of June, we sold 3,950 gallons of Jet A which was down 6% from June 2008. We sold 1,536.3 gallons of Avgas, which is down 50% from June 2008. Our transient Jet A fuel sales from June 2009 are up 500 gallons over June 2008. Our Year to Date fuel sales have increased for Jet A, but we are down in total fuel sales by 4400 gallons. Our cost of 100LL is competitive at \$ 3.81. Our Jet A fuel price is \$ 3.17, which is the lowest in the area by about \$0.45.

**Airport Manager:**

1. Pancake Breakfast: The breakfast was this past Sunday and had a spectacular turn out. 835 breakfasts were sold and 75 plane rides were given.
2. MCAS Summer Camp: The camp went very well. The kids loved shooting off their air powered rockets and speaking with pilots. They were able to do a pre-flight inspection with based pilot, Bill Eisele. He also let them sit in the cockpit of his plane. The EAA did a Young Eagles program for the students the day after their field trip out here and gave 13 children airplane rides.
3. Alco TV: I have received a call from John Lucas of Alco TV requesting that we change our board meeting date, start time or even possibly cutting it short so they have a camera person here for the whole meeting. They are short handed on Tuesdays. The board will consider an earlier time.

**Airport Development:**

1. Landscaping: The landscaping has been completed around the terminal building. We have a few plants that are in bad shape and DeLau will replace 3, if needed. We are watering the sod and plants like crazy.
2. July 1, 2009 FAA meeting: There was much discussion at the FAA meeting about the trees on the north end of Runway 20 getting trimmed so our glide scope angle gets corrected back to 20:1. We will probably need an EA for that project. We don't want our approaches to get taken away because it takes about 2 years to get them back. Karla feels that after the FAA discussion with the EPA about the tree trimming we shouldn't have much of a fight from the EPA to get that project completed. A separate tree trimming project was discussed to get back our full 4100 ft. of runway. Lastly, there was discussion

of the possibility for adding as much pavement as possible on the north end of the runway before and without disturbing the stream area. INDOT will fund the aerial survey for our new approaches, the EA for our tree trimming project to get slope back to 20:1 and possibly the sealing of all runway cracks this year.

3. Grant Amendment #1: There was approval for the amendment to the grant that will allow RW Armstrong to complete the preliminary paperwork, etc. for these current projects to be funded.

**Old Business:**

1. Containment Pad: Still waiting on one last quote for the removal of the hump on the east side of the containment pad so our fuel trucks can be safely kept there during business hours and off of the ramp.
2. As-builts: Karla Price is putting the as-builts on a PDF file and making a copy for INDOT, FAA, RW Armstrong and Fanning Howey, as needed.

**New Business:**

1. Airport Inspection: The inspection was completed middle of June. The only non-compliance item was the glide slope for Runway 20. The extension request letter has been sent to INDOT and as soon as we have a plan of action and time frame for correction of this item another letter will be sent stating how and when the trees will be trimmed.
2. Riggs- Demo Mowers: We received 2 demo mowers from Riggs to try out at the airport. One was a diesel Kubota and the other a Hustler. The Hustler handled better and had a cleaner 3 inch cut than the Kubota and was less expensive. We are getting a quote for trading in our smaller of the two tanks and our Dixie Chopper for two Hustlers. We would like to keep the larger of our tanks for a back up mower, as needed.

**Claims Docket: Amount:** \$37,724.73

**Motion:** Paul Sammann **Second:** David Miller **Motion Approved.**

**Public Comment:** Joe Doyle was impressed with the pancake breakfast this year.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.