

Kentland Airport Board MINUTES

To: Jim, Debby, Mike, Pat, IN Dept. of Aviation
From: Jim Butler
Subject: Airport Board Meeting, Monday, June 5, 2023

The Airport Board met on the date shown above, at 6:00 PM at the airport. The first Monday of the month is our regular meeting time and we have posted this on the bulletin board at the airport as well as notified the newspaper.

Board members present were Terry Deiter, Jerry Carlson, Terry Hafstrom, Jim Butler and Jake Shufflebarger. Doug Hickman and Joe Worley also attended.

Old business:

Jim reported that Rick Negele has completed all work on the Tee Hangar, which includes post stabilization and skirt boards. He did a very nice job.

Evidence of a burrowing insect was found in the joint seals of the runway. This insect makes a hole in the sealant and burrows into the foam backer rod. The sealing contractor said he found approximately 100 of these holes in the old sealant and suggested a program of applying an insecticide twice per year may be required to protect the sealant from being degraded. Jake suggested contacting Fowler Pest Control as they have a truck mounted spraying system that may be a good fit for this application. Jim reported he talked to Fowler Pest Control representative and he suggested treating the runway twice per year, once in May and again in September and the cost would be between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per treatment. Jim reported he obtained another quote from Reliable Pest Control in Lafayette but the cost was quoted between \$3000 and \$4000 per application. Jim told Fowler Pest Control to proceed.

At the April meeting, Terry reported that we have a few taxiway lights that are in need of repair. Dave Welsh of Hopkins Electric will take care of these as soon as his schedule allows

New Business:

1) Fuel sales for May were \$7,582.64 for AvGas and \$13.11 for JetA. The amount of AvGas on hand as of this writing is 5286 gallons. The amount of JetA on hand is 552 gallons.

Jim reported there were 180 operations reported by the traffic monitoring equipment for the month of May. This is up very significantly from previous months. In actuality, there were several more operations than this because we know of several aircraft that use the airport that do not have the equipment communicating with the traffic monitoring device.

Jim reported the Tee Hangar project came in \$13,688.00 under budget. He also reported that the AvGas tank paint is peeling and the tank is rusting. He requested the board approve a motion to request the savings from the Tee Hangar project be used to repaint and re-placard the AvGas tank. Jake made a motion for Jim to request approval from the Town Council and the Newton County Economic Development Board that these funds be used for this purpose. Jerry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A mower has hit and broken one of the taxiway post style reflectors. Jake made a motion to authorize Jim to purchase another reflector and request reimbursement from the town. Terry Dieter seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Joe Worley will send Jim a link for ordering the replacement.

Jim presented the following bills for approval:

Menards, \$82.94 for paint and supplies to re-paint the doors on the terminal building.

Titan Aviation Fuels, \$21,292.45 for 4957 gallons of AvGas

Rick Negele, \$19,722.00 for Tee Hangar post stabilization and skirt boards (grant funded)

Terry Dieter made a motion to approve these expenses, Jake seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim reported the Doug Hickman volunteered his time and repainted the exterior door as well as the interior doors on the terminal building. They look much better and present well to visitors now that they are clean and not scratched and rusting. Thank you Doug.

Jim reported that the Kentland Economic Development group wants to hold their Christmas Event at the airport on December 17. Terry Dieter made a motion to approve this event at the airport. Jerry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The normal meeting for July would fall on July 3. With the holiday being the very next day, and many people being out of town, Jake made a motion to move the July meeting to July 10 at the normal time of 6:00 PM. Terry Dieter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Terry Hafstrom reported that the photocell that controls the airport beacon and the lights at the wind indicators seems to be not working. Jim, Terry and Doug investigated after the meeting and found this to be correct. Jim will purchase and install a new photocell and request reimbursement. The cost is expected to be less than \$35.00.

Terry Hafstrom reported that the precision approach path indicators for runway 9 had stopped working. He requested Hopkins Electric investigate. They found a blown fuse and all four bulbs to be burned out. After replacing them the device worked normally. Hopkins will also repair the runway lights that are not working.

Joe Worley reported the design of the final phase of the west ramp/stormwater project is complete and the project is out for bid. Bids are due on June 13. Once bids are received, we will coordinate with INDOT and the FAA to decide how we will proceed.

There being no further business, Terry Dieter motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jerry. Motion carried unanimously.

Sincerely,

Jim