

Benton Municipal Airport Advisory Board
Tuesday, June 6, 2019
6 p.m. Benton Municipal Airport
Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Garrett Collier at 6:05pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2019 at the Benton Municipal Airport at 1 Airport Rd, Benton IL 62812 with advisory board members Garrett Collier and Matthew Harrison

Under the manager's report, Mr. Casey updated the board regarding repair to the runway lighting system, maintenance to a broken hangar door and issues with the aviation fuel storage tank.

Further discussion was held regarding the storage tank and the sump pump used to remove condensation build-up. A motion was brought forward to recommend that the city manager look into replacing the sump pump by Harrison and seconded by Collier.

Mr. Harrison / Mr. Casey both stated they had concerns that inoperable aircraft were tying up hangar space and subsequently not purchasing fuel / other services. A motion to recommend that the city attorney review the lease agreement to add a clause requiring that the leasee maintain FAA Certification and insurance as part of renting a hanger was made by Harrison and seconded by Collier

Mr. Collier stated that he has had members of the public express interest in using the airport as an event space. Mr. Harrison added that he would like to see fly-ins and other gatherings held to increase the airport's exposure. It was agreed that a first step to having events would be to allow the Airport Manager, if not already permitted, authority to approve such events. A motion to recommend same was made by Collier and seconded by Harrison. Adding to this, Mr. Collier stated that he felt that the airport should have its own, dedicated, internet presence in the form of a website, where information pertinent to the use of the runway, fuel prices and contact information could be located.

With the resignation of Mr. Hammons the advisory board, currently has 2 of 3 seats filled. A motion by Collier to ask the City Council to fill the vacant seat as soon as possible and seconded by Harrison.

Mr. Harrison expressed interest in increasing the quarterly meetings to bi-monthly so as to decrease delay in making recommendations.

Under public comments Mr. Tom Carter suggested that the new airport terminal building, rather than using the antiquated septic system of the existing structure be tied in with the city sewer service near the newly developed properties north of the terminal building.

Having no further business or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Signed – Garrett Collier Secretary

Date