

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## Airport Advisory Board

### For the City of Perryville, MO

**Date:** March 13, 2023

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** Conference Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr. , FBO Building, Perryville Regional Airport

#### **Attendees:**

Leon Basler – President

Rick Schemel - Secretary

Larry Dauer – Board Member

Greg Gremminger – Board Member

Rick Post – Board Member

Curt Buerck – City Board Liaison

Barbara Maxwell – Airport Manager

Crystal Jones – Economic Development

Larry Riney – City of Perryville Mayor

Kyle French – West Star Aviation

1. Leon Basler called the meeting to order.
2. Fuel charts and Airport report data provided by Barbara Maxwell were looked over.
  - No issues with report by board.
  - Was suggested by Greg Gremminger that fuel data was not necessary on a weekly basis.
  - Just a monthly report on fuel sales and on airport updates.
3. Greg Gremminger discussed updates on FLY-In
  - that the Huey Helicopters have been firmed up.
    - This will be a 10 minute flight.
  - Status on the contract for the B25 contract is with the City Attorney and we are waiting for an update.
    - This will be a 25 minute flight and possibility of flying over the Veterans Memorial wall.
  - The board has \$800 in their procession.
  - Confirmed booth setups
    - Having an issue with getting the right contact with SEMO flight school.
    - SIU flight school
    - The Air Force recruitment
    - Civil Air Patrol
    - Wicks
    - Model Airplane clubs
    - EAA
    - Nerf machine guns

4. There was some discussion by Rick Schemel in regards to the drone operator.
  - Whether he should have an exhibit?
    - Yes
  - Could he demonstrate his drone at the airport?
    - He is licensed, yes
5. Leon considered making Fly-In commemorative T-shirts for the event for sale.
  - This was agreed if he wish to undertake.
6. Crystal Jones shared that 3 food truck have confirmed their arrival for the event.
  - The Smoke Shack – BBQ
  - Turk Dawgz – Hot dogs
  - Whatsnot Pretzels
  - Possible 4<sup>th</sup> truck Lunas Shaved Ice
7. Crystal also brought up that the event is on the same day as Old Timer’s Day in Perryville as well as a softball tournament.
8. Greg brought up the fact that volunteers will be needed to direct aircraft and visitors on the ground for safety purposes.
9. The solar eclipse in 2024 was also discussed to keep in mind that volunteers will be needed for this.
  - Barbara will look into the possibility of the FAA having a temporary tower during the eclipse due to the influx of airplanes for the viewing.
  - Greg discussed directing of traffic and Larry Dauer shared his experience at the airport in 2017.
10. Leon Basler spoke on marketing ideas
  - Possibly having baseball caps designed with the Airport Logo and giving away to pilots who purchase 100 gallons of fuel or more.
  - Keychains with logo to hand out
  - Shirts with logo to sell.
  - Some airports he visited if they purchased a set amount of fuel a box of chocolates were given away.
  - Sending letters or post cards thanking pilots for visiting our airport.
11. The question was posed as to where the board saw the airport in 10 years.
  - More hangars
  - More businesses
  - Parallel taxiway
  - More Commercial space
  - AP Mechanic’s shop
12. Larry Dauer felt the airport was going backwards.
  - Shortening of the runway
  - Reduction of taxiway lights and use of markers that cannot be seen at night without lights on aircraft.
13. Barbara gave update on electric charging station.
  - Citizens Electric is continuing to work on getting the wiring to the FBO.
  - BETA technologies is shipping equipment this week to finish work.

14. Greg mentioned that removing cones to T-hangars so he can drive through without getting out of his car is greatly appreciated.
15. Concerns regarding the birds in the spring.
  - Discussion on peregrine falcons being introduced as they prey on birds.
  - Barbara stated that the FAA is not to keen on introducing or encouraging nesting of birds as they can cause incursions with aircraft.
  - Kyle French stated that this has been an ongoing issues and isn't aware of a sure way to completely get rid of the nesting birds.
16. Next Board meeting set for April 10<sup>th</sup>.
17. Curt Buerck made motion to adjourn and Greg 2<sup>nd</sup>.