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Minutes from the January 25, 2016 Airport Advisory Board Meeting

The meeting of the Airport Advisory Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Claremont Municipal Airport by Chief Rick Bergeron. Also in attendance were board members Stephen Keen, David Carton and Joe Osgood.

The airport manager introduced Jessica Walker and Candy Reed from the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce, who made a presentation of their proposed events that will take place at the airport this summer. The guests described two events: The first being an aeronautic themed dinner and auction which is tentatively scheduled for August 13th and the second was described as a wheels and wings event on a date yet to be scheduled. The board voiced an overall mood of agreement with the two proposed events and asked the Chamber representatives to proceed with their plans and to keep the board advised.

Next Chief Bergeron introduced Mr. Rick Kloepfel, who had come to the board meeting to offer his services to present an emergency services response to small airplane emergencies program to local first responders. Mr. Kloepfel presented a brief synopsis of his class presentation and a discussion ensued about his willingness to bring the class to Claremont. He agreed in principle, to do so and the plan is to hold the classroom at the Claremont Fire Department with the hands on demonstrations to follow at the local airport. This class has been tentatively scheduled for April.

The minutes of the regular board meeting that took place on October 26, 2015 were reviewed and accepted by the board.

The airport manager spoke to the board about his continued discussions with Ed Farris, who is a tenant of one of the box hangars. Mr. Keen, let the board know that Mr. Farris is shopping for a new airplane, but wasn't sure about how far along that process was. The board decided to end Mr. Farris's lease in April if he remains in violation of the terms of his lease agreement at that time.

The board was asked if there was any other new business or questions, none were raised.

Chief Bergeron again mentioned to the board that his long term plan included having the airport purchase the current fire department pick-up truck and plow, to help reduce the use of the large loader in the snow removal operations. He reminded the board that this addition would not only save money in the long term by reducing the wear and tear on the large loader, but would also be a more maneuverable vehicle to use around the hangars and other on site buildings. Mr. Osgood recommended that when the pick-up arrived that we are to be sure that it received regular use. Mr. Carton added that the addition of the pick-up would also improve the overall efficiency as two staff members would be able to operate simultaneously during snow events.

Mr. Carton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Osgood. The motion passed at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Richard Bergeron