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Minutes from the April 27, 2015 Airport Advisory Board Meeting

The meeting of the Airport Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Claremont Municipal Airport by Chief Rick Bergeron. Also in attendance were board members Stephen Keen, Roger Hamel, David Eno, David Carton and Keith Raymond.

The minutes of the regular board meeting that took place on January 30, 2015 were reviewed and accepted by the board.

The manager read excerpts from a copy of one of the leases for the six box hangars. The purpose of this review was to assist the board with questions about the uses being undertaken in Hangars #1 and #3. The airport manager will check each hangar and contact the lessee if any questionable practices are noted.

Chief Bergeron explained the current projected plan for the hangar replacement project. Some members of the board asked why the new hangar could not be located in the spot currently occupied by the old building. The manager explained that the funding for this project will likely come to the city over the course of three years and that using the current site would mean that we would be without any hangar for roughly eighteen months and without a terminal building for closer to three years.

The next discussion undertaken by the board dealt with a number of new issues that would have to be addressed when the community hangar was built adjacent to the six box hangars. The primary of these concerns focused on snow removal and the possible need for an additional piece of equipment. The airport manager advised the board that funding for such equipment was in the airport's master plan, but was at least three years away. Chief Bergeron added that this would not preclude the city from purchasing a smaller piece of snow removal equipment with local funds.

Plans for the future terminal building were brought before the board and many of the members reiterated prior discussions about recommendations that the city include additional space in the new structure to house a café or pub that would be operated by an outside vendor. The general consensus of the board was that this would be an important part of the airport's future expansion of use.

Roger Hamel presented the board with the Fixed Base Operators' snow removal report for this past winter. The FBOs undertook snow removal operations 14 times for the seasonal snowfall total that was listed at 66 ½". These operations added 131 hours to the airport's loader which currently has a total of 1588 hours on its meter. Mr. Hamel also advised the manager that service would be necessary on both machines this summer.

Questions and comments were entertained and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Richard Bergeron