

Ashtabula County Airport Authority
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Friday, July 05, 2024 09:00AM EST

Board Members Present

Lance Bushweiler, Vice President
John Ambrose (T)
Don Ballard (T)
Dwight Bowden
Eric Cornelius (T)
John Morrison (T)
Kate Reedy (T)
Mark Stackhouse
George Toth

Others Present

Bryce Kujat, Cleveland Soaring Society (T)
Kate Burke-Rosales, NEORA

*(T) Teleconference Participant

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM EST by Vice President Bushweiler. At the request of the Vice President, Secretary confirmed a quorum. This Special Meeting was scheduled to discuss the Cleveland Soaring Society's event proposal.

Lance Bushweiler reported that at the last meeting Don Ballard made a request for the Cleveland Soaring Society (CSS) to hold a ground school with some flight training at the airport. CSS has since forwarded their SOP and supporting documents for discussion. They have asked for use of hangar L-South to conduct their ground school training, which will take place July 22nd - August 2nd. The students will then need to take and pass the FAA knowledge test. Those that pass will have the opportunity for flight training for 1-2 days August 5th - 9th, weather permitting.

Dwight Bowden requested the Special Meeting since there is limited time available for planning and it has been advised by legal counsel to prohibit the use of Interim Approvals. The Board and airport staff currently do not have experience with glider operations and since there will be youth in the runway safety area, along with loading, golf carts, and a grass component, it is a complex operation. The CSS's current SOP will need to be modified for HZY as it currently reflects Geauga County Airport.

Don Ballard entered the meeting at 9:09AM via teleconference.

Bryce Kujat spoke on behalf of the CSS and gave a brief history of the organization. They have operated out of many airports. It is typical to have a call with airport boards to ensure that an airport fits into their operations model. He explained the GRIT program, a state funded program that offers high-aptitude, under-privileged, rural students career development opportunities. The training needs to be held locally. The CSS is open to modifying their SOP and staging the flight training portion out of the FBO and shuttling youth while on RSA. Additionally, they always operate on CTAF radio. The program would have a max of twenty students. They comply with all State of Ohio safety with minors requirements.

There was concern that hangar L-South may not be adequate to host ground school in this time of year since the weather has been extremely hot and there isn't air conditioning in the hangar. There may be an option to host the ground school portion at Atech. The school dates were chosen due to flight instructor availability and upcoming school schedules. The event will be 100% self-contained with an estimated 7-8 personnel on hand. Weather could cancel the flight training. Tow aircraft and gliders will use runways for takeoff and landing. There is a possibility of interruption from the remarking project, and it was noted that the D-Day event takes place the week of August 12th. CSS will provide an updated SOP with supporting documents and a COI ahead of the next regularly scheduled meeting so a final determination can be made.

Public Comments – None to report.

New Business – None to report.

Adjournment

There will be a Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 7:45AM EST to rescind and vacate the results of the election of officers taken on 04/11/2024 and to hold a new election of officers. The Regular Board

Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 08:30AM EST. Meeting adjourned at 9:45AM, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Mark Stackhouse.



Kate Burke-Rosales
Ashtabula County Airport Authority, Secretary/Treasurer