

Notes from Airport Board Members on Fixed Based Operator George Tegeler May 2024.

Positives.

1. George does a good job of maintaining the turf strip and keeping the snow clear. He takes a lot of pride in the keeping both runways clear and maintained.
2. George brings a lot of traffic to OLZ as the FBO. In contrast, IIB doesn't really attract traffic, even though their facility is larger. Their FBO doesn't try to attract traffic with services.
3. In general, I think there is value in having an FBO at OLZ that can provide services to keep aircraft running and airworthy. I think George does a decent job of keeping things moving along at OLZ.
4. I personally think overall the building and grounds look pretty good where George is concerned. The lobby area and restrooms are neat and clean and the grass is cut, although it could be cut again in the near future I believe.
5. George, is doing alot better with his duties, the airport is neat, clean and looks professionally, maintained. I believe we should have an, FBO . HE provides visibility, accessibility, and a degree of security , on a daily basis
6. Because of George the airport has all of the hangars spoken for which is not always the case.
7. Having a FBO at the Oelwein Airport greatly improves the traffic in and out and also increase fuel sales
8. Having a person at the airport on a regular basis (hours of 8-5) makes the Oelwein Alrport one that people like to fly into..

Negatives.

1. George could do a better job of keeping the terminal building clean and presentable. Both the inside and outside of the terminal building should be clean and tidy at all times. We never know when we will have visitors flying in.
2. George could do a better job of offering/arranging a CFI for training. I realize he only has so much time in a day, and probably doesn't want to teach, but I'd like to see him partner with a CFI to offer flight lessons. I think someone should be able to come to OLZ with no flight experience and have a path to earning their ticket.
3. I did notice one thing that should be addressed and that is there is grass coming up in the cracks in the ramp and hanger areas and also in front of the building in the landscape rocks.
4. I would like George to be a little more mindful of the dusting of window sills, sweeping of the sidewalks of the grass after mowing and repairing broken windows on a more timely manner.

Comments on keeping an FBO:

I still think it is good to have an FBO for the tenants that have their planes hangared at the airport. He will drop what he is doing if you have any issues hangar wise that might hinder your flying. George

helped me identify a door issue, sensor problem, which took an hour of his mechanic time. He also helped another tenant replace a frayed door cable. Would the city work on the doors or would they have to call a door company? At what cost?

George maintains most of the aircraft on the field. Would the tenants leave Oelwein to find an airport that has a mechanic for their yearly annuals? Loss of hangar rent for the city? It is good to be an airport with a mechanic on duty. A transient that need maintenance is sure to be grateful and purchase fuel.

How much would the mowing, trimming, weeding, cleaning the terminal, snowplowing, maintaining the equipment, maintaining the hangars and making sure that the Ag business has enough fuel during the season cost the city? Would the Ag sprayers have to order their own fuel or will they go elsewhere. Would that be a loss of \$2000 to \$4000 fuel income to the city?

When the fuel system is up and running the FBO should have more time with less fueling of aircraft, and no billing.

I have always been on George about the cleanliness of the Terminal. It should be clean at all times when a plane lands at Oelwein. The first thing everyone does is head straight to the bathroom. George lets the terminal slip when he is working at his mechanic business. He still needs to do a better job at keeping it clean, in my opinion.

He also needs to take better care of trimming and/or killing of weeds.

He did a good job making the airport look good for the Young Eagles.

If we do not have an FBO present at the airport on a daily basis none of the day to day duties will every get accomplished.