

Minutes  
Airport Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Present: Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz, Lyle Banser, Chris Malm and Airport Manager John Miller

Also Present: Larry Wenning

(1) Call to Order: John Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

(2) Approval of the January 16, 2013 Minutes: Gary Schulz made a motion to ratify the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Malsack. The motion passed.

(3) Approval of Vouchers: The vouchers were reviewed and signed by all. Lyle Banser made a motion to approve the vouchers. The motion was seconded by Chris Malm. The motion passed. John Miller gave out copies of the 2012 year end budget and the figures were reviewed.

(4) Update on 2006 Project: John Miller said that everything is in place for the start of the 2006 project and we are just waiting for spring. John Miller reviewed what work has already been done and what is expected to be completed this year. John said the money has been secured and contracts signed.

(5) 2013 Terminal Project: John Miller said we have not received all the entitlement money needed as of yet for the terminal project but said Mary Strait is still working on finding us additional entitlement money. John Miller and Gary Schwartz will attend a sponsor workshop on March 21st at the Bureau of Aeronautics in Madison regarding funding.

(6) Discussion/Decision Beacon Repair/Replacement: John Miller said around February 1<sup>st</sup> the beacon stopped turning. John said he has discussed this with Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) and Becker Hoppe. John reviewed costs for the different types of beacons available. John Miller said Gary Schwartz has been in contact with Mark Arnold from the BOA and Mark has suggested we put the replacement of the beacon in as a change order to the 2006 project. John said the costs for a new or replacement beacon and installation range from \$5,550.00 to \$11,600.00. John said no decision needs to be made tonight as to the direction to take but we need everyone aware of our options. After some discussion the consensus from the members was that we stay with a high intensity beacon like we have but install the new style rather than refurbished.

(7) Discussion–Airport Name: No discussion this meeting but will be kept on the Agenda.

(8) Discussion of RRL Marketing Program: No discussion this meeting but will be kept on the Agenda.

(9) Manager's Report: John Miller reported that he had an accident while plowing around the T-Hangars. The blade on the big plow took some skin off the door of Hangar No. 7 when the truck slid on the ice. John said there is no damage to the frame of the door and the skin will be replaced when Chapel Construction does the roof on the FBO hanger in May. John said they patched the door with extra skin we had from other projects.

John Miller said the lights on 16/34 popped the breaker one time when we had rain a couple of weeks ago but since then have been O.K. John said this spring we will be able to tell if we still have serious problems.

John Miller said the clearing of the brush and trees went good. John said we cleared a lot more area than would have been cleared if we had accepted the bid for \$10,000 from Land Clearing. Doing it ourselves we limited the cost to \$5,000.00. John said we did have some problems with the equipment. A rock was hit and they had to refurbish the rotating unit. John said Fabco Rents stated that the cost should be minimal. John said Fabco Rent's service was excellent as they were here several times helping with the maintenance of the machine during the rental period. John said one of his part time employees, Kraig Hanig, operated the machine.

Larry Wenning stated that the area looks good and that a good job was done by Kraig Hanig.

John stated that with all the snow fall and freezing rain it has been difficult to keep up with clearing the ice off the entire airport. John said the runways and taxi ways are in pretty good shape but the ramps are in poor shape. John said we plowed 100 hours in the last month.

(10) Chairman's Report: No Chairman's report tonight as Gary Schwartz is out of town.

(11) Aviation Happenings: Gary Schulz stated that Boeing is still working on the lithiumium battery situation on the 787's. Beechcraft is coming out of bankruptcy and will produce piston powered aircraft only. Cessna and other manufacturers are experiencing a slowdown in jet sales.

This political administration is again looking at the \$100 corporate tax fee and ending the Accelerated Depreciation Tax write off, which could slow the purchase of jets.

(12) Public Comment: Larry Wenning made the comment that there is a lot of ice in front of his hanger door. He did not realize that the airport had plowed 100 hours this month but asked if there is something that can be done to eliminate this problem with the ice buildup. Gary Schulz said that it has been an unusual winter with snow and freezing rain and it is hard to keep everything clear. Joe Malsack agreed with Gary's comments.

Larry Wenning wondered if maybe a box plow could be purchased to use on the John Deere that would scrape closer to the blacktop. Joe Malsack commented that we can scrape up our cracking sealing material if we scrape to close. John Miller said that a brush is the only piece of equipment that could have handled the snow situation this year. Larry Wenning voiced his opinion that he was disappointed when we did not buy a brush when the BOA offered it. John Miller said that the BOA has been using our entitlements in the projects and we needed to save what we had for the terminal building. John stated that with the new taxiways and other additional areas we will continue looking for ways to get a brush.

(13) Agenda Items for Next Meeting: None

(14) Adjournment: Joe Malsack made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lyle Banser. The motion passed.

These Minutes were recorded by John Miller, the Airport Manager and were ratified at the March 20, 2013 Airport Commission Meeting.