

Airport commission meeting January 7, 2015.

Members present: Gary Schwartz (Chairperson), Joseph Malsack, Gary Schulz, Chris Malm (Alderman).

Also present: Tom Haden, Larry Wedding, Steve Krueger, Courtney Pike.

1. At 7:00 pm. Gary Schwartz called meeting to order.
2. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as print, seconded by Chris Malm. Motion approved.
3. Rich M. reviewed vouchers, Chris Malm made a motion to approve Decembers bills to be paid, seconded by Joe Malsack. Motion approved.
4. Terminal project status: Gary Schwartz stated the project not going as planned time wise. Gary Schwartz called Ryan at BOA to stop construction. Discrepancies has been found. Header going into pilot lounge only 2x4, not standard header. Can see sagging in area already and no dry wall hanging on wall yet. Rock on the top off by as much as 3/4 inch from end to end. Very apparent to see when look at siding. Plans show usb board on back side of wall so insulation will not fall down. Insulation is already falling out. Insulation forced back to get wiring and boxes in. This looses R19 value, insulation should be cut out. Siding not fitting correctly, showing gaps on the ends. Dormer ceiling no ventilation to main ceiling. No extension will be given to correct conditions, due to the slow progress.
5. Discussion was to pay Rich M. \$10.00 per hour as contractor. The house will also be used by Rich and his family as part of the compensation package, until other arrangement can be made for and FBO to come to Merrill. Pat Hall and Gary Schwartz looked at the house for mold and water damage. They stated no mold found, they did find walls vary from prior repairs using 1/2 to 5/8 dry wall used, making walls uneven. They also noted problems with the wall on the stairway material coming off. Insurance for moving airplanes covered by city, working on airplanes will be Richs M. responsibility.
6. Chris Malm made a motion to approve the purchase of a Chevy Trailblazer for a tow vehicle for \$499.00 from Joe Malsack. Rich M. stated it needed some work and modifications to install a hitch. Seconded by Gary Schulz, motion approved.
7. Discussion about the Airport purchasing a tow bar for the vehicle to move airplanes. Chris Malm made a motion to purchase the 14000 lb. tow bar to use around the airport. Seconded by Gary Schulz. The motion passed. Approximate price about \$600.00 with shipping.
8. Discussion about the plowing on Airport Road was brought up about how bad of a job is being done to access the airport. The Town of Merrill is responsible for the road. Seems the road is plowed last and due to the traffic all the snow is packed down by the time the plow comes thru. Can the City of Merrill plow to the north gate to keep the road clean? The street commissioner will be contacted and see what can be done.

9. Discussion of use on the 2015 Entitlement Grant money. Gary Schwartz was contacted by Diane from the BOA if we were going to start the 16/34 project. Gary Schwartz informed her we were going to do tree cutting and purchase a skid steer to cut brush. Gary also informed them about the Bennis property is for sale. This property on the approach to 34, across from the Matz property.

10. Discussion about the house repairs capital budget is \$30000.00 for this year with the City of Merrill. Joe Malsack made a motion to approve Gary Schwartz to approve the repairs without contacting the commission on repairs when the bids come in. Seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion passed. Rich M. also asked for more cabinets in the house. He found Trantows still can access materials to match for approximately \$1700.00. He thought that was too high and will investigate other sources.

11. Rich M. stated fuel truck froze up. Fuel valve must have moisture in. He will get into the maintenance hangar to repair cables.

12. Chairman's report, none.

13. Aviation Happenings by Gary Schulz, some discussion about PA34 Seneca crash in Kentucky.

14. No public comment.

15. Agenda items for next meeting: Brush cutting and Entitlement for 2015.

16. Gary Schulz made a motion to go into close session, seconded by Chris Malm. All voted yes to go into closed session.

17. Chris Malm made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion approved.

18. Joe Malsack mad a motion to authorize Tom Haden and Gary Schwartz to sign any documents needed to terminate the contract with Merrill Aviation Corp LLC and Dave Koch for breach of contract. Seconded by Chris Malm. Motion approved.

19. Chris Malm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion passed.