

Airport Commission minutes August 17, 2016

Members present: Gary Schwartz, Gary Schulz, Joe Malsack, Lyle Banser, and Ryan Schwartzman.

Also present: Larry Wenning and Steve Krueger.

1. Gary called meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. A motion was made by Lyle B. and seconded by Ryan S. to approve the minutes with a correction in item 5 that we borrowed \$130000 from Langlade counties available funds not \$150000, Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were discussed and passed around for inspection. A motion was made by Lyle B. and seconded by Joe M. to approve the vouchers to be paid. Motion passed. Budget is still on track for the year, but we are missing the fuel sales income on this report. Gary Schwartz did visit with Kathy to get the corrections needed on the report. We have currently a \$17,000 profit so far for this year on fuel sales. We did find out the 100LL system has 750 gallons unusable not 300 gallons. Jet A is coming down, and we will possibly purchase a load before winter.
4. Terminal project status. Principal designer HVAC system is different than originally thought. Gary will check on who the original designer is and let Gary Schulz know so we can show our concerns to the designer on the amount of noise from the HVAC system.
5. Brown property ok'd by the city and signed papers to start the process. It will still take 3-4 months to close on the property to clear all the state and federal paperwork.
6. Runway 16/34 Project status: The runway protection zone study has to be done before we can continue on the 16/34 project. Gary instructed Becker Hoppe to start on the RPZ . They completed a 30% draft and sent to BOA to get comments, then we have to do a 90% plan. 16/34 is set up as a B2 runway, if we agree to go to B1 they will give us the 400 feet extra, but they will reduce the runway to 60 feet wide instead of 75 feet. Gary is working with the state to see if the city can pay for the extra 15 feet on only the 400 foot extension.
- 7/8. Manager's report: Chains are up on the railing in the maintenance hangar. Rich has been talking with the city to get some equipment to haul dirt and pick up rocks on the grass area north of 25. We are going to use the dirt on the far end of the airport to keep cost down if possible. We were quoted \$337 per load of screened dirt. Rich will contact another source Larry had recommended to see which will be more economical. Trees will be cut during construction along fence and Bennis property. Discussion about the city using their brush cutter and man to cut brush at the airport. All were in agreement to hire the city to operate the machine to cut brush around the airport at least the first time.
9. Airport Signage: Tom Oneal will make the sign. We will just need ideas and design to lay out so we can make signs. Airport metal signs should be inspected and replaced if discolored. We will have to discuss with the Town of Merrill.

10. Chairman's report: We spent \$11,000 on mastic for the 7/25 runway, the state said they will pay for this repair to extend the life of runway. We spent approximately \$30,000 on the security system on the new terminal building. The State has agreed to give us back \$23,000 on the security system installed. They also agreed to reimburse \$2,500 toward the camera system which is part of the security system. This money will be held by the state for a future project as the cities share, since the city has already paid it. The City of Merrill will owe \$10,000 for the Brown property and our share for the ramp project of \$25,000. Gary will ask Kathy cut a check for this money which was budgeted already. We will still owe approximately \$3000 for the ramp project. Tom Hayden has reviewed the 7 document assurance which is new for projects and they will be signed and sent on back to the state. We have \$36,500 at the state in the bank. We have spent over \$30,000 on repairs due to lightning damage since 2006. This is caused by poor wiring and the state will not help with the repairs, they consider it maintenance. The cost to update and rewire the AWOS and other electrical systems for poor grounding will be approx \$12,000. There was a consensus among the members to use part of the money at the State to pay for this repair. There is a land use seminar coming up in September and Gary Schwartz and Rich may go.

11. Pilots bill of rights. Rich Lussow has received his 2nd class medical. We have turned away 10-12 students this year. We will now need an airplane to rent for these students. We also have 3-5 pilots in the area that will be looking to rent.

12. Public comment. none.

13. Agenda items for next meeting. Signage, flight instruction.

14. A motion was made by Joe M. and seconded by Ryan to adjourn, motion passed