

Airport Commission minutes February 15, 2017

Members present: Gary Schwartz, Gary Schulz, Joe Malsack, and Ryan Schwartzman (Alderman).

Also present: Rich McCullough, (Airport Manager), Steve Krueger, Don Kromic and Larry Wenning.

1. Gary called meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. January minutes did not get published to the members. Hold until March meeting to approve.
3. Vouchers were discussed and passed around for inspection. A motion was made by Joe M. and seconded by Gary Schulz to approve the vouchers to be paid. Motion passed.
4. Terminal project status. No updates at this time.
5. Brown property status is the State is in the final stage of closing. Diane Danielson at the State is updating Gary Schwartz.
6. Runway 16/34 Project status: No updates at this time.
7. T Hangar Rental Approval: Rich Mccullough will be renting hanger #1. Joe M. made a motion, Gary Schulz seconded. Motion Passed.
8. Merrill Airport Day: Discussion on which side of the airport we should use. Joe M. looking into best option. We want to eventually move toward the new building.
9. Flight instruction status: Rich Lussow has his instructors permit and is looking for students. Need an airplane to fly now. Working on finding an aircraft.
10. Airport Signage: Dustin at street department is getting some of the new signs up. Tom O'neal new machine just came in and Tom is working on layout and design options.
11. Managers Report: Brush cutting is still progressing on the west side of runway 16 and north of 25. The approach to 16 at Hillside road is all cleared. Air lines for hanger were ordered and Rich will install when they come in. Rich has received a quote to replace all the windows in the old terminal building of \$5290.00 without installation. SEMCO gave us the quote. We will have to put on next month's agenda. Rich received a call from Eric Whith for the Air Venture cup race prior to EAA. They are interested in fueling at Merrill to help out with the overload at Wausau at the end of the race. The date is July 22, 2017. Jerry the owner of Farner will stand behind the work performed last year and will repair in spring. We did get this repair agreement in writing. AWOS system is down completely now. The tech was working on but not able to get it back working. We will have to replace the parts but they will not be here until March. Rich inspected the fence by Hwy 107, Rich informed the people living there we own the 15 feet off the fence and to keep personal property off. Pictures were submitted to the city for record keeping by Rich.
12. Airport General Maintenance: A motion was made by Gary Schulz to take the \$12000 to \$13000 in fuel profit from last year to pay for the correction to the ground fault problem with the fences. Then

have the installer document what was found to possibly file a claim against the original installer for possible reimbursement. Motion passed.

13. Chairman's report: no report.

14. Aviation happenings, Medical reform act, has passed and doctors may be hard to get up to speed and give you a signoff until next year. Gary Schulz will help any pilots who need help with doctors not familiar with the new laws. Situation awareness very important on which airport and runway landing on.

15. Public comments. Almost 100 head start kids came to the airport today. They had 2 classes of 3 and 4 year olds. They saw the old terminal, Rich the mechanic, shop, Brian Krueger was there in uniform. Each kid sat in the Rans. They also watched the Rans fly. Wing coffee table needs to be returned, we do not want it.

16. Agenda items for next meeting. Signage, flight instruction, lightning suppression system, air cup race for Air Venture, windows on old terminal building. Gary Schulz looking at art for the big wall in the new terminal building.

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