

Airport Commission minutes March 15, 2017

Members present: Gary Schwartz, Gary Schulz, Joe Malsack.

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

1. Gary called meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. January and February minutes did get published to the members. Joe M made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion passed.
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. Dan from RTL was on vacation so no update at this time.
5. Brown property status: No report.
6. Runway 16/34 Project: Our Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) is being reviewed at this time. We cannot continue until this is done.
7. Lightning Suppression Project: Joe M. made a motion to use the money from fund 27 to be used to pay for the lightning suppression system. Then possibly go back after the installer for reimbursement. Gary Schulz seconded. Motion passed.
8. Merrill Airport Day: Joe M. working with vendors and organizations to see who is available for the Sept 9th date. Larry W. will need to find replacement to organize the flight line due to being out of town that day.
9. Flight instruction status: We now have a Beech 23 Sundowner for a rental aircraft. It is currently going thru its annual inspection. No major problems found so far. Andy Lot a friend of Rich Lussow brought the plane up from Florida. A social event for future pilots and students should be looked into to help bring in possible students. Asked the airport users to help push this on face book to generate leads for the rental aircraft.
10. Airport Signage: No report.
11. Managers Report: Brush cutting is done due to the weather. A fence by NTC is blocking our brush cutting due to the wet area. We will need a gate installed by NTC to allow us access to cut the brush along the fence. The area along highway 107 was not cut due to water levels. We will have to wait until freezes over to get into these areas. AWOS back up and running, the bill was sent to the State of Wisconsin. Tree cutting is waiting on road limits to come off before they can haul equipment in. Weed control along fence, we do not have the budget to spray the full fence. Steve K will look into cost of bigger containers of chemical. Manual cutting and some spraying is the only way at this time to control the weeds. Air lines for shop are available to be picked up. Rich will get them and start installing.

12. Airport General Maintenance: Window replacement bid on the old FBO building is without the bathroom windows. Discussion was brought up that the bathroom windows need to be added into the bid. What about removing the bay windows to help reduce the costs. Rich will look into these costs and update us. Shawano Airport has someone come in with a gator to spray the fences, our airport is too wet to get in. The booms will not swing out in areas also per Rich.
13. Chairman's report: No report on air cup race. F84 G possibility of moving to the new terminal area. Kathy U. at the city wants to move all the little funds outstanding into the fund 27 account to help with accounting. We have about \$2500 sitting in the F84 account. Prevailing wages is being looked at by the state and will affect how much we pay for projects. This will help us to help reduce costs at the state level on projects should this change.
14. Aviation happenings: Pilot for a day program, introduction of flying to people for private pilots. Social media director needed. Terminal art still looking for.
15. Public comments. None.
16. Agenda items for next meeting. None.
17. A motion was made by Joe M. and seconded by Gary Schulz. to adjourn, motion passed

Minutes by Joe Malsack