

Airport Commission minutes May 17, 2017

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

Also present: Rich McCullough(Airport Manager), Don and Andrew Kremy, Mary Ball and Larry Wenning.

1. Gary called meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. Ryan S. made a motion to approve the April minutes as printed, seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were discussed and passed around for inspection. A motion was made by Ryan S. and seconded by Joe M. to approve the vouchers to be paid. Motion passed.
4. Terminal project status. Moving the light sensors to test operation. Another sensor to cover full area was added above the piano.
5. Brown property status: Paper work done at state level, just setting a closing date.
6. Runway 16/34 Project: Our Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) is being reviewed at this time. We are still waiting for the FAA to approve. Gary Schwartz will try to speed up the process or we will fall behind schedule.
7. Lightening Suppression Project: Joe M. made a motion to spend up to \$12000.00 for repairs. Gary Schulz seconded. Motion passed.
8. Merrill Airport Day: Joe M. working on scheduling June meeting for organizing. Larry W. will need to find replacement to organize the flight line due to being out of town that day.
9. Flight instruction status: 4 students and 1 renter at this point. Good comments on training have been heard.
10. Airport Signage: No report.
11. Managers Report: Grass runway good to go. Thanks to Larry W. for equipment use and doing the work. Signs for the grass strip are ready to be put out as soon as it dries out. Both fuel tanks had to get loads to fill tanks. Approach lights on 7 are out due to a bad board. Rich will try to repair before sending out. Some mowing done but too wet to continue at this time.
12. Airport General Maintenance: Running out of light bulbs for the shop, Rich wants to switch to LED. We will have to switch over slowly to spread out the cost. Air lines are here, Rich just has to install.
13. Chairman's report: The Plautz property is for sale on Taylor St., it is mostly in the runway protection zone. Gary Schwartz will check with the BOA to see if we should purchase the property. Gary Schwartz will contact Dan White for a press release on the EAA Air Cup race ending in Merrill.

14. Aviation happenings: Foto News article on the rental airplane went national. AOPA also picked up. Basic Med going well and moving forward.

15. Public comments. Mary Ball very interested in all the work going on at airport and willing to help for the air cup race.

16. Agenda items for next meeting. None.

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

Minutes by Joe Malsack