

**AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Merrill Municipal Airport Terminal**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Gary Schulz, Lyle Banser, Joe Malsack, Airport Manager Rich McCullough

**Also Present:** Steve Krueger, Don Kromire, Anthony Kromire (cameraman), Larry Wenning

1. Meeting Called to Order – Joe Malsack called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.
2. Approve minutes of December 20, 2017 Meeting. Motion by Schulz, second by Banser. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Vouchers - Vouchers were reviewed and initialed by all. Motion by Banser to approve vouchers, second by Schulz. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Runway 16/34 Project Status – Collecting letters to submit to FFA which will put a number on operations and use of Runway 16-34.
5. Lightning Suppression Project – Pieper Electric will be starting after Spring thaw. Parts are ordered.
6. Discussion Planning New T-Hangers – Nothing yet.
7. Flight Instruction Status – Schulz reported that from end of July to December 31, the Beech Sundowner had 117 ½ dual instruction hours and 22 ½ rent or check-out hours. We currently have three and possibly a fourth student working on IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) ratings. There is a higher interest in getting a commercial rating because of a pilot shortage. We have an advantage of having a very experienced, former airline pilot/trainer in Rich Lussow giving instruction on the field. If numbers keep increasing and warrant, we will assess the need for a more complex and faster/higher horse power IFR trainer.
8. Manager's Report –

McCullough reported moving a lot of drifting snow. Rich is looking for better LED lights for entryway in new FBO. He is also shopping around for LED lights to replace old floods and to replace City Hanger lights.

McCullough and Banser installed the pole and light at the North gate and reported it lights the area very well.
9. Airport General Maintenance –

Re-sheeting on old FBO and window replacement. Will highlight for next meeting.

Rich is working with Tom O'Neal on Airport signage.

New doors for restrooms are in the closet and will be installed when contractor schedules.

10. **Chairman's Report** – Chairman Schwartz reported to Joe that there was nothing new to report at this time.
11. **Aviation Happenings** – Schultz reported that a vast majority of Airport users do not want to privatize air traffic control.
12. **Public Comment** – Wenning asked if anyone had any information on a replacement fuel for 100 LL. Schulz reported no decision on fuel made yet. Krueger asked if brush cutting is underway. McCullough reported it is starting next week.
13. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting** –
  - Start planning for Airport Day 2018
  - Re-sheeting and window replacement for old FBO
  - Revisit crack filling for 2018
14. **Adjournment** – Motion by Banser, second by Schwartz. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Lyle Banser