

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday March 21, 2018

Present: Gary Schwartz (Chairman), Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz via phone, Ryan Schwartzman (alderman).

Also: Steve Krueger, Larry Wennig, Anthony Kromire (camera man).

1. Gary called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. February minutes were passed out and reviewed. Joe M. made a motion to approve as printed, Gary Schulz seconded. Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were passed around and discussed. Joe M. made a motion to approve paying the vouchers, Gary Schulz seconded, Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: We are waiting on Dan Doyle from Farhner to give us a quote on mastic patching on the runway. Gary Schwartz mailed off all the information requested for operations on 16/34. He also compiled runway lengths for various airports in Wisconsin with 5000 ft. runways and the average for the crosswind runway was 3500 ft. Correct aircraft numbers for the airport was also submitted. Gary Wilson is the airport planner for the FAA. This is who we have to deal with first before it moves up the chain of command for approval.
5. Lightning Suppression Project: Roger Strand will start approximately 2nd week of April. They will be bringing in materials to set up and as soon as the ground thaws out they will start.
6. New t-hanger planning: no discussion.
7. Flight Instruction Status: 50-60 hours already flown this year. Plugs fouling due to fuel mixture is full rich for training. Switching plugs to try to reduce the problem.
8. Aviation Base Station at West Terminal: Rich checked and found it will cost between \$1500 – 2000 with the antenna to install for the West Terminal building. Joe M. made a motion to install a new base station in the West Terminal. Ryan S. 2nd. After discussion motion passed.
9. T-hanger lease to Luke Lazare Number 8 hanger: Joe M. made a motion to lease #8 t-hanger, Ryan S. 2nd, motion passed.

10. Managers Report: Brush cutting so far, we have approximately \$2500 bill with the street department, but they are not done with the airport, yet. We should have them cut as much as they can until weather stops them. Dustin stated that one area was too thick for their machine. He suggested Peterson Sand and Gravel. They have a heavier machine to clear that area. Rich will contact them to see what they will charge.
11. Airport General Maintenance: LED lighting, Etco is getting us a quote on lighting. Signage: Tom Oneil is waiting on material.
12. Chairman's report: none.
13. Aviation Happenings: ATC privatization is dead at this time. We won.
14. Addendum sent out, some members did not receive the email.
- 15.1. Discussion on replacement of east terminal furnace. Rich was only able to get one quote. They did get it running but it will not last. Rich will try to get 2 more quotes for next meeting.
- 16.2. Airport Day: Joe M. contacted NTC for setting up the day with them. Advertising with the state BOA website, Midwest Flyer and local EAA chapters needs to be set up. Sept 8, 2018. Gary Schulz will contact John Lumley for airplane rides.
- 17.3. Discussion potential city services to the Airport: Crack filling is the big thing we are trying to save money on.
18. Public Comment: Joe M. contacted AOPA and is getting in touch with the Merrill High school to get them information about Aviation Courses. The curriculum is supplied by AOPA thru a grant. High schools have to have so many STEM programs. He will see if they will teach some of the courses to help alleviate the aviation related job shortage. Ryan S. is up for election April 3, 2018. He hopes to be back.
19. Agenda Items for next meeting: Furnace east terminal office, airport days 2018, crack filling.
20. Adjournment: Ryan S made a motion to adjourn, Joe M. 2nd, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack