

City of Merrill  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 17, 2019  
Merrill Airport Terminal

Members Present: Gary Schwartz (Chairman), Lyle Banser, Joe Malsack, Steve Osness (Alderman), Gary Schulz, Rich McCullough (Airport Manager)

Public Present: Draco Fink (Cameraman), Karl Kemper and Brett Puglieze (Becher Hoppe), Mark Graczykowski (Bureau of Aeronautics)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwartz at 19:00.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2019 – Minutes read. Motion for approval by Osness; second by Malsack. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Vouchers – Vouchers reviewed and initialed. Motion by Banser to pay vouchers; second by Osness. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Runway 16/34 Project Status – Chairman Schwartz and Karl Kemper from Becher Hoppe attended a meeting in Madison with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) representative Sandy Wyman, Tammy Weaver, David Green and Mark Graczykowski from Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA). FAA finally revealed the disqualifying rule on crosswind runways they are using in this case. Merrill 16/34 currently does not qualify because 07/25 can be used 95.5% of the time; and the qualifying percentage is 95%. So we are checking the accuracy of our AWOS System and also using AWOS information from neighboring airports in Medford (93.5%) and Antigo (91.5%) to justify our need for a crosswind runway.
5. Airport Day 2019 – No new news. Everything moving forward.
6. Discussion/Decision Ground Lease Rates – Motion made by Banser to leave lease rate at \$.11 per square feet. Surrounding area rates are \$.08 - \$.14 per square foot; second by Malsack. All ayes. Motion passed.
7. Discussion/Decision New Hangar Incentives – Approved at last meeting.
8. Discussion/Decision Components of Petition Process AWOS, SRE (snow removal equipment), Truck Port, Ramp Extension, T Hangar, Runway Preservation – After much discussion on available entitlements, AWOS is No. 1 and Runway Preservation is No. 2. Other items will be discussed and prioritized in the future.
9. Discussion/Decision Potential New Hangar – Schwartz explained there is interest in building a hangar at new FBO location. Motion by Osness; second by Malsack to allow

