

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday November 20, 2019

Present: Gary Schwartz (Chairman), Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz.

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

1. Gary Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. October and special meeting November 5 minutes were reviewed. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve as printed, Joe Malsack seconded. Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were passed around and discussed. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve paying the vouchers, Joe Malsack seconded, Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: The FAA has been contacted with the data of the AWOS being off 5-7 degrees and true north off 2 degrees. They have been asked to recalculate winds with this updated data for funding on 16/34.
5. Entitlement Grant update: Contract will be sent to city to sign for us to use the money and the city keeping the airport open and maintained. The next 2 projects are the AWOS and the blacktop surface preservation. We need to get this money spent or we will lose it.
6. Discussion/Decision AWOS Update/Repair: Repairing will be the most economical due to some of the components are new.
7. Managers' Report: No Report.
8. Airport General Maintenance: Shop north door needs replacing, Plow trucks have been down at the city garage and maintained for winter plowing season. Reil lights, airport runway number lights still not working (circuit boards inside not working), lighting in the new terminal not working, outside lights are they getting changed to day/night sensors, these items Gary Schwartz will talk to Rich and get an update for next meeting.
9. Chairman's Report: Gary Schwartz offering \$75.00 for each door that have been cut off too short buy the contractor of the new terminal building. Ok'd by members present. Both were bathroom doors. Only 2 available. New doors were provided by the original contractor under warranty.
10. Aviation Happenings: New Garmin Autoland system, it will communicate with ATC, choose an airport, set up the approach and land the airplane when the pilot becomes incapacitated. Boeing engine explosion, research is showing

more reinforcing in the cowl to protect passengers inside the airplane. 737 updates are coming out and FAA administrator stated take your time and get it right.

11. Public Comment: Ask about city council funding a T hanger project that will produce revenue. The city will not currently borrow money to fund this project at this time. Are there other options to look into? Gary Schwartz will check into.
12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Maintenance on t-hanger doors, lighting inside and outside, airport signage with Tom O'Neal.
13. A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Malsack, seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack