

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday December 18, 2019

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

Also: Steve Krueger, Larry Wenning, Rich McCullough (Airport Manager), Anthony Kromire (camera man).

1. Gary call the meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. November were reviewed. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve with the change to start time was 6 pm not 7 pm, Joe Malsack seconded. Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were passed around and discussed. Joe Malsack made a motion to approve paying the vouchers, Gary Schulz seconded, Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Mark is working with FAA on the AWOS and error data but has not heard back on if it will impact the project.
5. Managers' Report: Waiting on 4 new lights for the vestibule, outside lighting we are waiting on bucket truck to take pictures for warranty on lights. Sign lights trying to figure out power supply to units. Possible 5000 voltage, need to get the right voltage with transformer to work properly. Reil light still not working, Teddy has been in contact with the company to troubleshoot. Driveshaft on snowblower blew out on last storm. Had to replace the whole shaft. T hanger doors repaired by cutting off 1 holder on each door to reduce binding when doors are raised.
6. Airport General Maintenance: Shop north door needs replacing, Tom O'Neal is working on airport signage designs. Rain shield for the new terminal is made and will be installed shortly.
7. Chairman's Report: New hanger construction where is the water, sewer, power and natural gas. Some of the lines are installed to reduce cutting blacktop up. Lyle Banser has been talking to a couple of people about putting hangers up at Merrill. He contacted Larry Wenning for phone numbers to construction companies to get pricing.
8. Aviation Happenings: 737 updates are coming out and FAA administrator stated take your time and get it right. 400 produced and sitting, halting production. Drones used as air taxi, 400,000 estimated by 2040. Pulatis PC12 crash Thanksgiving Day, the aircraft was in the air for only 30-40 seconds. The

stick shaker was on all the time according to recorded data. Was the snow on the aircraft the causing factor?

9. Public Comment: Larry Wenning ask about other options on building T hangers. Funds for BOA we do not have enough money to build T hangers with state fund and get all the other work needed done at the airport. 16/34 project time table. Gary Schwartz said an optimistic time table would be 2021.
10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: lighting inside and outside, airport signage with Tom O'Neal.
11. A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Schulz, seconded by Joe Malsack. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack