

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday February 19, 2020

Present: Gary Schwartz (Chairman), Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz via phone, Lyle Banser via phone and Mike Rick Jr. (Alderman).

Also: Steve Krueger, Larry Wenning, Rich McCullough (Airport Manager), Luke Lazare.

1. Gary called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. January minutes were reviewed. Mike Rick made a motion to approve the minutes, 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: Still waiting on the data to be reviewed and the correction adjustments made to calculate cross wind component for the crosswind 16/34 runway.
5. Entitlement Projects: Gary Schwartz received all the documents from the city to move forward on the AWOS update, GEE sealer project, fixing drainage on the t-hangers, 3 tie downs by the new terminal building. These will be forwarded to the State of Wisconsin to get the required signatures and approval to use the funds.
6. Discussion on Airport Day: Friends of the Airport met and decided to not continue Airport Day due to lack of help and need for change. Attendance has been going down.
7. Discussion on Young Eagles Day: EAA is having an International Young Eagle day on June 13, 2020. The idea is to piggy back onto EAA's website and advertising. EAA will insure the pilots/event in accordance with their program. We will be having another meeting March 16, 2020 at 7 pm in the new terminal building to work out details. Ground personnel and pilots will be needed. Some of the pilots already volunteered to help. They are required to do a background check and a youth protection class with EAA before flying any kids. These are free flights to kids between the ages of 8 and 17, to encourage youth to start flying or enter into some type of aviation career. Time frame: is registration from 8 to 11 am, and fly until all registered kids have had their rides (Weather permitting). Joe Malsack made a motion to not

have Airport Day for 2020, but instead we will have a Young Eagles rally on June 13, 2020. Seconded by Mike Rick, motion passed.

8. Managers' Report: 4 new lights for the vestibule finally came in and should be put in next week along with an identifier light on runway 7. Fire inspection was done today, only 1 thing needed addressing. Do the doors automatically unlock when the fire alarm is pulled? Rich will investigate, but thinks this was built into the system. Fiber optic line is run but not hooked up yet. They were short one junction box. Buildings are hooked up, but we are waiting on the gates. Then Permar has to flip the switch on. Fuel farm, June 30, 2020 M3000 fuel dispensing machine will no longer be serviced or have parts available. We will have to switch to new unit. Gary Schwartz stated we need to see if it is chip compatible for the Oct 1, 2020 deadline for any outside pumps mandated by the Federal Government. Outside lights, still waiting on getting lights. Fuel: Price is starting to drop, but we do not have room for full load at this time. We need to get the full load for maximum discounts. We just received a load of Jet- A fuel and will be good for the season.
9. Airport General Maintenance: All discussed prior.
10. Chairman's Report: New hanger going up just east of the new terminal building. It is exciting to see growth. The March meeting should switch to 7 pm meeting time. Discussion to follow day light savings with the meeting times.
11. Aviation Happenings: A Bonanza with 4 people flew in from Missouri to watch the ice drags at Council Grounds State Park. Stated they had a great time and will be back next year with more friends and planes. Bombardier is over 8 billion dollars in debt. Liquidating some assets and concentrating on business jets to get back into a profit. Cirrus vision jet had a grounding AD on its fleet due to an intercom circuit board fire happening on the ground to an aircraft.
12. Public Comment: Wifi by hangers, is not hooked up yet. Cable is installed from Tom's hanger to Gary's hanger. We are waiting on fiber optic to be hooked up to Tom's. Wifi will be used by the pilots to turn engine heaters on and off with their phones. The engines need to be preheated prior to flight, this is due to the type of oil used in these engines. This helps reduce 1 trip to the airport by the pilot to plug the airplane in.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: lighting inside and outside, airport signage with Tom O'Neal. Young Eagles event.
14. A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Malsack, seconded by Mike Rick. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack