

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Grimm. Lori Gerard called roll.

Present: Jeff Altoft, Paul Nicholls, Jeff Ostrander, David Pasquale and Tom Grimm

Absent: Eric Nelson and Jim Myaard

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Bruce Whitman, Walter Pagle, Mark Lynn, Greg VanStrien, Alex Taylor, Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Altoft moved and Pasquale seconded to approve the absences of Nelson and Myaard. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Pasquale moved and Nicholls seconded to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grimm moved and Nicholls seconded to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Grimm moved and Nicholls seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

It was questioned how much has been spent on snow removal for this fiscal year as compared to last. Gerard will get numbers for next meeting.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Whitman questioned the status of the VASI. Brown commented that due to cost this item is dead at least for the time being.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

Ostrander stated that he and Nelson will be giving rides to about 40 4-H kids on Saturday.

10. ALEX TAYLOR UPDATE

Taylor stated that he is working with Calvin College and GVSU and an IT solutions company called NewWave Technology. Taylor commented that phase 1 of his project is due April 14. They will be airing more information as the design becomes public.

Taylor asked the board what they thought about summer promotional activities at the airport. One idea given was swing dancing as that seems to be pretty popular these days with teens. Brown stated that he didn't have an issue with that if coordinated but would need to look at the insurance issues before moving forward.

Whitman stated that Taylor provided a presentation at Riverview in Jenison that was very informative.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Brown introduced Mark Lynn from Midwest Aviation.

- a. Review pricing to replace lighting in hangar 1 – Brown stated the intent is to replace current lights with LED's as the longevity for the bulbs are 10,000 hours. Taylor stated that KCTC changed out their fixtures and the lights buzz so that would be something to check out. Ostrander commented that the color lights give off would also be important. Grimm stated that a second quote would be necessary. Brown will contact John Boluyt. Item was tabled until next meeting.
- b. Saturday April 21 for spring clean-up – Brown listed the projects (runway lights, sign post out front, paint steel, cap on the fuel station) that would need to be worked on at the proposed clean-up day. It was also noted that the fence in front of the building was looking rough and should be removed. Altoft stated he had a hard time with removing the fence as it is used as a safety barrier. He questioned if we could afford a new fence. Taylor questioned if a hedge could be planted as a cheaper option.

- c. Discussion regarding taxiway paving – Brown stated that there was discussion a few months ago about paving the taxiways. Grimm suggested he get a quote for one taxiway for this year and do the other next year.

Brown stated that he is looking to put a door in for the space that Taylor uses for security reasons. Lynn also questioned who had keys to his building as they have \$65,000 to \$70,000 in tools. Altoft commented that the locks should be changed on building 1. Brown will contact Bob Ford about re-keying the doors.

Brown also stated he spoke with Dean Olin and they are looking to try to plant hay again this year. He also stated that he is working with DPW Director Rich LaBombard to schedule to have the road brined again as that worked great in the past.

Grimm moved and Pasquale seconded to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Gerard