

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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

Present: Eric Nelson, Jeff Altoft, Paul Nicholls, Jim Myaard, Jeff Ostrander, David Pasquale and Chairman Tom Grimm

Absent: none

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Mitch Kahn, Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

None needed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Grimm moved and Altoft seconded to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nelson moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of October 11, 2017 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nelson moved and Pasquale seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kahn stated that he appreciated everything that the board and others do at the airport, especially fixing his hangar door.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

Pasquale thanked Brown for the great airport presentation to Rotary he did 2 weeks ago.

Pasquale also question what the update on Tibble was. Brown stated the deadline passed and he spoke with city attorney Dick Wendt who was putting Tibble's attorney on notice. Ostrander stated that Dan Williams had contacted him about putting Tibble's plane in one of the hangars. Brown stated that is not possible.

Ostrander asked what is going on with the farmer that planted here at the airport and any concern about them abandoning this project. Brown commented that the grass did not grow as anticipated but they are still interested.

10. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Snow removal and winter prep – Brown stated he talked with Ted Simmons from Lake Effect Snow Removal and he will planning to plow again this season for \$350 per push after 2" snowfall. Simmons has access to a big 6'-8' wide snow blower.

It was also mentioned that the tables need to be brought in for the winter.

- b. Trim for fuel pump roof – Brown stated he was notified that the trim to finish roof is at the lumber yard ready for pick up. He estimates about an hours' worth of work to get it done.
- c. Boeing project discussion – Alex Taylor Entrepreneur of Windcraft Quads presented a project that he and his group is working on as part of a Boeing challenge. The competition is to build the world's first personal flying device and over the next two years his teams will be competing to win \$2,000,000 in prizes. Taylor is a junior at Lowell High School and is the youngest commercial drone pilot. Taylor commented that he mostly grew up in Istanbul as his father was a chaplain with Athletes in Action. His family now resides in Lowell. He stated that the project is in the initial concept phase and they are looking for a collaborative space for meeting with his team. He liked the idea on being on the airport. He is also looking for other sponsorships. The board was very excited to partnership with Taylor and looked forward to hearing more about the project.

Pasquale moved and was seconded by Altoft to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Gerard