

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Grimm, Myaard (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Nicholls, Sowle and Chairman Vezino.

Absent: Hale and Nelson.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Dan Williams and Ed Zuidewid.

1. Grim moved, Nicholls supported to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Airport Manager Jim Sowle reported on the following: (a) there will be no mowing presently through the winter. The runways are in fine shape (b) received a bid of \$500 per time for the mowing of the whole airport. Mowing will begin in the Spring. (c) Dan Williams does have a tractor and brush hog for usage (d) an ad will be run in the Grand Rapids Press for the four hangar vacancies (e) has met with Jason Clark and Gary Straus regarding the Fegel and Barron air easement issues. There was nothing new to report from the State. (f) Bob Ford will rekey and relock all the hangars.
3. Under FBO report, Dan Williams mentioned that Jason Clark had a Cub Scout tour of the airport. He noted that the Clare airport pays no taxes on its hangars. The Lowell Airport should investigate.

SMAT will have a new hangar in Ionia and probably won't be needing space in Lowell. Williams said everything that SMAT has is gone except the trailer and roller.

Also, Williams stated that the furnaces and drywall need repair in #2 hangar. The Board told Williams to obtain three bids for this work.

Williams said the business is going well.

4. Under Other Business, Ed Zuidewid requested permission to use the airport for remote control electric powered airplanes. He mentioned the model airplanes have a humming sound with little noise. Zuidewid proposed the use of the south runway.

The Board had several issues with these model planes including noise, being on an active runway (which must be closed) and can't use in heavy wind. Therefore, the Board turned down the request.

5. The September Financial Report was reviewed.

Sowle moved, Grimm supported to approve the financial report as submitted. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7 p.m. Then, a meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale