

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006, AT 7:05 P.M.

Present: Grimm, Hale, Nicholls and Vezino.
Absent: Myaard, Sowle and Chairman Serne.
Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Howard Van Horn and Eric Nelson.

In the absence of Chairman Jim Serne, Kevin Vezino served as Acting Chairman.

1. Nicholls moved, Vezino supported to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Howard Van Horn had talked to Airport Manager Jim Sowle, who has nothing new to report. It was verified there were no new building permits taken in the approach protective zone.

The November 21 information session with the adjoining property owners involved in the air easement was reviewed. In noting comments received at the session, the following motion was provided:

Nicholls moved, Hales supported to state for the foreseeable future, there are no plans to expand the boundaries of the Lowell City Airport and recommend such to the City Council. Motion carried.

3. On behalf of SMAT, Van Horn reported on the following:
 - (a) The general section of class work is completed and the airframe section is in progress. There is limited space to handle all sections at once.
 - (b) There are 27 applicants already for next August. Seventeen have been accepted at this point.
 - (c) Has an African student for flight this year and then A & P next year.
 - (d) Received a threatening phone call to close the airport.
 - (e) Talked to Jim Sowle and had nothing new to report. Also talked to Lynn Smith and he indicated there had been no permits taken out from MDOT to build close to the airport.
 - (f) Dave Helmstetter of URS said there is nothing happening with the air easement until the homeowners in Scenic View Plat II allow the trimming of trees.
 - (g) SMAT will be closed December 22 to January 2.

Van Horn submitted a letter from SMAT expressing interest to renew its agreement with the City. SMAT's proposals for contract amendments were submitted.

4. The Boardmembers reviewed the current hangar lease agreements and the following motion:

Grimm moved, Vezino supported to increase hangar rents by \$10 per month (center spaces from \$110 to \$120 per month and end spaces from \$120 to \$130 per month, utility hangar (Brown) from \$375 to \$395 per month). Motion carried.

5. No comments were received regarding the October Financial Reports.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale