

City of Merrill

Airport Commission Meeting at Merrill Airport

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Voting Members present: Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz, Mark Wiex Jr (Alderman).

Public Present: Larry Wenning, Jordan Laszewski, Summit Hoyt (Camera Man).

1. Joe Malsack called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and 2 corrections needed. 1. Steve Hass was also present at the last meeting. 2. Correction to 1 sign being manufactured at this time, not multiples. Mark W. made a motion to approve with the corrections. Gary Schulz seconded. Motion passed.
3. Approval of Vouchers: Reviewed and Mark W. made a motion to pay vouchers. Gary Schulz seconded. Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 Project status: Gary Schwartz and Karl Kemper had a meeting in Madison August 14 with the BOA executive team. No other updates at this time.
5. Update Entitlement Projects 2022/23: Hangars done and resealing should start next week due to weather delays, behind schedule. Concrete tie downs installed in new ramp.
6. Discussion/Decision Acquisition of Garage for Airport Residence: Gary Schwartz has been working with Rod Akey in acquiring and moving a two-car garage next to the Airport Managers house. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve the garage, Mark W. Seconded. Motion passed.
7. Discussion/Decision Airport Manager/FBO Contract Update: City working on contract.
8. Discussion/Decision T-Hangar Use Policy: Next month due language and policies.
9. Update Airport Signage: Joe M. has the sign in the maintenance hangar and working with Rich and the city to get installed. Will happen after the fair.
10. Update F-84 Monument: No update due to Richs contacted Allen Haus has been deployed for 3 months.

11. Airport General Maintenance: Sewer coming in Aug 23. Toilet failure at main terminal and Rich repaired during the Veteran flying day. AWOS found loose antenna connection and repaired. Working now. Todd Nienow will be coming out and work on the LED and runway lights after school starts and has project finished at school. Flap on maintenance hangar door bad. Rich ordering to repair. Fuel hoses getting pricing due to over 1 year since last quote. Damaged aircraft removal, will be removed by August 19 . We will need to raise the price of fuel due to credit card fees. Rich will discuss with Gary Schwartz on raising pricing. Roof on Lyman's hangar, being worked on.

12. Chairman's Report: No report.

13. Aviation Happenings: EAA very large event, 677000 people, over 10000 aircraft. All parking and camping areas full. Weather helped. AOPA had meeting at Oshkosh talked about cross wind runways and new funding coming available in the new bills. Hangars are also part of the funding. AOPA is asking for pilots to contact elected officials to vote for the funding.

14. Discussion EAA Cup Race: Very successful event and good crowd. They are very interested in coming back next year. Foto News did a great job on publicity.

15. Public Comment: Piano, when being moved? Gary Schulz will have it moved in September this year. Merrill's hamburger night Wed. Aug 23.

16. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: T-Hangar rate increase.

17. Adjournment: Mark W. made a motion to adjourn, Gary Schulz seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Joe Malsack