

City of Merrill

Airport Commission Meeting at Merrill Airport

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Voting Members present: Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz, Gary Schwartz, Lyle Banser (via phone), Mark Wiex Jr (Alderman).

Public Present: Larry Wenning, Steve Krueger.

1. Gary Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and Mark W. made a motion to approve. Joe M. seconded. Motion passed.
3. Approval of Vouchers: Reviewed and Joe M. made a motion to pay vouchers. Mark W. seconded. Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 Project status: It is still being held and reviewed at the Federal level.
5. Update Entitlement Projects 2022/23: Phase 1 started, Phase 2 drainage for T-hangars starting June 5th and should take 7 days weather permitting. Finishing Phase 1 and repainting of lines will be about 6 weeks. They will paint over the rose compass and the 99 Group will come back next year to repaint. Gary Schwartz and the BOA are talking to the contractors to see if they will donate the paint for the Rose Compass.
6. Discussion/Decision RFP Current FBO Hangar: No current talks, still open and may close next meeting.
7. Update Airport Signage: Joe M. presented sign and costs and layout. Discussion followed about location and height. Joe M. made a motion to purchase a sign for the intersection of Airport Rd. and Taylor St. Approximate cost \$3000.00 with cement, Mark W. seconded. Motion passed. Other signs Joe M. will work on for arrows and the Street Dept. after this sign done.
8. Update F-84 Monument: Rich contacted Allen Haus and there is a possibility to have Fort McCoy take it for training. Due to the cost of renovation being over \$100,000 we have to get permission from the US aircraft museum before anything can be done with the unit.

9. Airport General Maintenance: Mowing started, weed spraying within the next week. Rolled the grass runway, borrowed the roller from Larry Wenning. Thank you, Larry. They were able to roll out the ruts left by the grader. Rich is getting quotes for new fuel hoses; we are overdue to replace.

11. Chairman's Report: Kurk Zastrow will by storing a king air in Agra's hangar. He asked for a discount on fuel due to the fact he does Angel flights. Rich and Gary Schwartz will discuss. Damaged aircraft sitting by hangars need to be moved. Rich and Gary Schwartz will contact the FAA and Insurance Company to see when they can get them moved out.

12. Aviation Happenings: Registration of aircraft is supposed to be returned from the FAA within 90 days. It has been almost 6 months currently due to staffing concerns and backlogs. The FAA will be starting a test bed for on line registration for general aviation. If this works like it is suppose to, they may open it up to corporate aircraft.

13. Public Comment: Fuel pricing seems high currently compared to other airports in the area. Gary Schwartz and Rich will look into it and see if we can purchase more fuel to lower cost.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Start meeting at 7:00 PM for summer, Air Cup Race.

15. The Committee convened into a closed session. Gary Schulz made a motion to go into closed session, Mark W. seconded. Committee went into closed session and guests were excused. Discussion was held on closed session agenda matter. No action taken. Gary Schulz made a motion to adjourn closed session, Mark W. seconded.

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

Minutes prepared by Joe Malsack