

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday May 20, 2020

Present: Gary Schwartz (Chairman), Joe Malsack, Gary Schulz , Lyle Banser via phone and Mark Weix (Alderman).

Also: Larry Wenning

1. Gary called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. April minutes were reviewed. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes, Joe Malsack seconded. Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were passed around and discussed. Joe Malsack made a motion to approve paying the vouchers, Gary Schulz seconded, Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Gary contacted BOA and was working on getting someone to call back. Was not having any success until sent another email and someone called back within 2 hours. He asked for Lucas to work as our engineer. They are currently short one. Gary asked Mark to discuss with Matt to take Medford and Antigo's AWOS data and combining to come up with numbers for Merrill. This info should be sent to FAA in regards to rebuilding the north south runway. There was found an 8-10-degree error in our unit. They are supposed to be here in mid-May to retest operation. There are no thresholds of runway operations in the regulations. We showed over 1600 operations just in local pilots.
5. Entitlement Projects: Gary Schwartz received info on our AWOS PT3, they are just going to replace the thunderstorm part only. The rest is already up to date. All eight entitlement items sent down to the State have been approved for fixing and updating airport.
6. Discussion/Decision fuel system credit card reader: Rich not here and no information. Gary Schulz talked to Rich earlier in the day and could possibly cost \$8500. No service will be available after June 1 to repair current unit if it fails.
7. Managers' Report: 1 deer and 3 cranes on airport property and working with the DNR to remove from airport. Chasing cranes off with bang gun. We bought a load of 100LL and reset price to be competitive, we are making a fair

margin for the city. Utilities, WPS has been contacted to run electric to new hangers being built.

8. Airport General Maintenance: no report
9. Chairman's Report: We have received a notice from the FAA to receive \$30,000 under the CARES program. Gary filled out paper work and asked the Mayor sign. We are getting the money to pay for wages, salaries, rent, and utilities.
10. Aviation Happenings: Garmin's auto land was granted approval to Piper by FAA. FCC granted research for 5g cell phone. The signal is very close to GPS signal. This has come back alive and Congress is looking at to make sure no interference with aviation GPS signals. 3 military aircraft crashed this last week. Cessna flew new aircraft 2 hours, twin engine high wing, hopefully to replace the aging Beaver fleet. Most fly ins canceled for the year.
11. Public Comment: None.
12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Roundup on taxi ways, jet mount tilting.
13. A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Malsack, seconded by Gary Schulz. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack