

Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May, 2021

Merrill Airport Terminal

Members Present: Gary Schwartz (Chairman), Lyle Banser, Joe Malsack, Mark Weix, Jr. (Alderman), Gary Schulz (via phone), Rich McCullough (Airport Manager)

Public Present: Larry Wenning, Steve Kureger, Ian Morgan (Cameraman)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwartz at 19:00.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 2021 – Motion by Malsack; second by Banser to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Vouchers – Vouchers reviewed and initialed. Motion to pay vouchers by Banser; second by Malsack. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Runway 16/34 Project Status – Schwartz reported he did not get a response from FAA by 05/05/21 so he emailed parties involved, Gary Wilson from the FAA and Matt Melicki from BOA, and asked them what is going on. Gary Wilson responded and said he was working on it and would get back to him (Schwartz), and that was two weeks ago. The Commission agreed to make political contacts along with a contact to AOPA in the future if FAA does not respond to this third attempt. The Airport has met FAA guidelines for crosswind runways.
5. Update T-Hangar Project – Schwartz had a scoping meeting with BOA engineer Andy Trimblae, Rich McCullough, and Karl Kemper of Beecher-Hoppe. Kemper is planning for bids by 08/01/21. Also planning for the AWOS update. Apron expansion project west of current apron may be pushed back.
6. Update Fuel System Credit Card Reader – A hold up on QT Pod's part backed up the project to Monday, 05/24/21, installation.
7. Discussion F-84 Display and Mounting – McCullough reported he contacted Allen Hughes with the 115 Fighter Group, which helped to move the Corsair in Wausau. He spoke with Master Sergeant Mike Schmidt who expressed interest in the F84 Project; and he will contact McCullough next week.
8. Update Entitlement Projects 2021 – Discussed T-Hangar project, pavement repair, AWOS project and possible apron expansion project.
9. Update EAA Race – Malsack reported Merrill is the finish line for the Air Cup Race. No other news on race.

10. Manager's Report – Zero turn mower is down with hydraulic seal leak. City Garage is repairing it. Spraying and brush clearing is underway. Fence fixing is started. Trying to figure a way to pound the fence posts down; and Peterson Construction will push the wooden posts down. Motion by Malsack to have Peterson Construction push the wooden posts down with a budget up to \$3,000; second by Banser. All ayes. Motion carried. McCullough reported we are selling Jet A for \$3.10 per gallon to move the fuel.
11. Airport General Maintenance – Nothing new to report.

Airport Lighting Outside – No discussion.

Airport Signage – No discussion.
12. Chairman's Report – No report.
13. Aviation Happenings – Schultz reported there is starting to be talk of improvements to infrastructure coupled with an electric air taxi vehicle and may help small airports be supported. AWOS monitor in new terminal is being repaired due to lightening strike.
14. Public Comment – None
16. Agenda Items – Young Eagles flights; tree trimming for approach.
17. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Malsack; second by Weix. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Lyle Banser