

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday May 18, 2022

Present: Joe Malsack, Gary Schwartz, Gary Schulz, Lyle Banser via phone, Rich McCullough (Airport Manager), Mark Weix Jr (Alderman). Also present: Larry Wenning, Steve Krueger and Steve Haas (Mayor).

1. Gary Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. April 2022 minutes were reviewed. Gary Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes, Mark W. seconded. Motion passed.
3. Vouchers were passed around and discussed. Lyle B. made a motion to approve paying the vouchers, Joe M. seconded, Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Gary Schwartz stated that the FAA has changed the wording and removed gusting from the calculation in determining crosswind runways. Gary sent the information to David Green in Madison and Kyle Lewis with AOPA. Gary has a meeting set with Kyle but has not heard from David at this point.
5. Update Entitlement Projects 2022: FAA has not released the money to the states yet. This has caused major delays to the point we may not get any work done until next year.
6. Discussion/Decision edits to update T-Hangar Lease, and ground lease: Gary Schwartz sent out an email for us to review. Comments were sent back and edits and additions were made. Review the new contract. Gary Schulz made a motion to increase rent \$5.00 per month starting January 1, 2023 and damage deposit raised to \$150.00. Joe M. seconded. Motion passed. \$135.00 for 6 center units, \$140.00 for 2 end units smaller, \$145.00 for 2 end units large. Review lease agreement again next month, need to add compliance language. Will begin review of ground leasenow.
7. Discussion/Decision bulk aviation fuel sale: With fuel prices climbing people are asking to prepurchase fuel. After discussion found Rich still does not have cards to do this for QT Pod. When he did it prior, he had to go in and make lots of adjustments. The system was not working correctly. Joe M. made a motion to not sell prepaid bulk fuel. Mark W. seconded; motion passed.

8. Manager's Report: Dustin brought out the street sweeper and cleaned up taxi way Bravo, north and south ramp, fuel farm ramp from debris due to plowing snow. Spraying is being worked on and we need more weed spray for the fence. Steve Krueger will try to get another 55-gallon barrel which usually lasts 2 years. Equipment all working ok and getting maintained with City Garage. One hangar has part of the roof missing. Building inspector will be called to inspect and advise owner repairs needed. North gate sticking at times.
9. Chairman's Report: Gary Schwartz stated we need to consider doing some repairs to 16/34 before FAA shuts runway down or an aircraft is damaged.
10. Aviation Happenings: FAA working the drones, useful and dangerous. Electric self-flying aircraft. China had a 737 possible deliberate crash killed all on board. Stunts with flying aircraft, losing their license. Non pilot landed Cessna after pilot passed out. Can you land at a non-designated airport? What are the rules with the new stol aircraft?
11. Public Comment: Move meeting time to 7 PM due to Wednesday night burger fly ins for June, July, and August.
12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: T- Hangar lease and ground lease with compliance language added. 16/34 repairs. Entrance Systems annual service for the entrance gates.
13. A motion to adjourn was made by Joe M., seconded by Mark W. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack