

City of Merrill
Airport Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Merrill Airport Terminal

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

Public Present: Draco Fink (Cameraman), Larry Wenning, Steve Krueger

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours by Chairman Schwartz.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023. Motion by Malsack; second by Weix. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Vouchers – Vouchers presented, received and initialed. Motion to pay vouchers by Banser; second by Malsack. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Runway 16/34 Project Status – No action by FAA.
5. Update Entitlement Projects 2022/2023 – Nothing yet. When weather permits this Spring.
6. Discussion/Decision RFP Current FBO Hanger – One bid so far. Nothing new.
7. Update Airport Signage – Malsack questioned selling Friends of the Airport model plane and use proceeds for signage. It was agreed to sell. Weix brought up the new City logo and how we could possibly incorporate it into the new signage. We could possibly work with the Marketing and Communication Committee, which could be an additional source of revenue for Airport signage.
8. Update F-84 Monument – Banser reported contacting Karl Kemper at Beecher and Hoppe who designed and facilitated the construction of the Airport Park and A7 Corsair Jet set in a flying altitude on a pedestal at the park. Discussion followed on the condition of the F84, with much of the discussion revolving around costs of restoration/maintenance and best way to display the plane. Banser will get estimates from Merrill Iron and Steel, Beecher Hoppe, paint and finish contractor ProColors, and foundation cement contractor to present at next meeting.
9. Airport General Maintenance – McCullough reported a repair of a hydraulic hoses on the plow truck. Courtesy car needs a repair of the plastic bumper cover. Plow truck radio should have more volume for plowing operations. Motion by Malsack to move the office radio to the plow truck and buy and install a new antenna; second by Weix. All ayes. Motion carried. The house sewer will be done when Spring thaw occurs. McCullough reported on maintenance needed on tractor's snow blower. He asked to begin to notify tenants in the City T-Hangar when we know the construction start dates.
10. There was no No. 10 on the Agenda.

11. Chairman's Report – No report.
12. Aviation Happenings – No report.
13. Public Comment – Krueger announced a Safety Seminar at the Merrill FBO on May 1, 2023. The seminar will be one hour and deal with complacency in flying operations. Time to be announced. Wenning reported Airport Road is on the Agenda for construction. Engineering for the road needs to be redone. The Merrill Town Meeting is April 18, 2023 at 6:00pm. It would be advantageous to have Airport representation at the meeting.
14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Nothing
15. Adjournment – Motion by Malsack to adjourn; second by Weix. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Lyle Banser