

City of Merrill
Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 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

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwartz at 18:15.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2021 – Motion by Malsack; second by Weix. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Vouchers, and Discussion of 2021 Budgets. – Vouchers reviewed and initialed. Motion to pay vouchers by Malsack; second by Schulz. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Runway 16/34 Project Status – Nothing new to report. We are waiting for FAA to meet with Merrill Airport Commission.
5. Discussion Airport and T-Hangar Written Policies – Schulz and McCullough are working on a written pamphlet and will have copies for everyone.
6. Update Fuel System Credit Card Reader – Will send resolution to City Council for approval. If approved at next City Council Meeting in March, the system may be upgraded with new equipment by April.
7. Discussion F-84 Display and Mounting – Nothing new yet. On going discussion with National Guard.
8. Discussion T-Hangar – City engineer, Rod Akey, will arrange for bidding the T-hangar construction. Will be using specifications from Erect a Tube Builders with all proprietary specs removed so all builders can bid on it. City to do grading work. County to do blacktop.
9. Discussion Alternative to 100LL, Swift Fuel – McCullough reported on costs for 100LL \$3.62 per gal. Swift fuel is \$3.65 to 3.90. To get that price we need to take 8000 gallons or shipping costs rise. We are planning to discount Jet A fuel to increase the volume so fuel will be moved.

10. Manager's Report – McCullough reported they sold the Airport blazer that was getting old and costs to maintain was prohibitive.

11. Airport General Maintenance – Walk-in door is not done yet. Hoping for warmer weather. Brush cutting was going well until last snow. We are in good shape for the winter.

Airport Lighting – Waiting for warranty info.

Airport Signage – Tom O-Neil can make the Airport signage and Airport personnel will install.

12. Return of Hangar Deposit – Schwartz reported deposit was returned to Doug Drost.
13. Chairman's Report – Schwartz reported on Consultation Report Form Evaluation for future work that the State is endorsing. Schwartz reported that he was made aware of an airport replacing their AWOS System; so we may be able to get their old lightning detection system to repair our AWOS at little to no cost.
14. Aviation Happenings – Schultz reported 737 Max is coming back into service with additional training on simulators. Bombardier is the current owner of the Leer jet and, is stopping production. Accident in southern Wisconsin involving a Velocity twin engine. Not much is known at this time as to the cause of the accident. All electric powered planes are developing quickly, better power storage (batteries) are the key factor.
15. Public Comment – Malsack reported on Young Eagle events being pushed to the Fall. Air Cup Race in July; tentatively the start is in Wausau and finish is not yet determined, but (hopefully Merrill).
16. Agenda Items – None
17. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Malsack; second by Baner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Lyle Baner