

Minutes Merrill Airport Commission

Wednesday October 20, 2021

Present: Joe Malsack, Gary Schwartz, Gary Schulz, and Mark Weix (Alderman),
Rich McCullough (Airport Manager).

1. Gary Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. September 2021 minutes were reviewed. Mark Weix 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, Mark Weix seconded, Motion passed.
4. Runway 16/34 project: Gary Schwartz stated he has had continuing conversations with governmental offices. Nothing has changed at this point.
5. Discussion F84 Display: Rich found out Merrill Iron and Steel built the pedestal for the aircraft in Wausau. Rich states we will have to paint the aircraft and seal up prior to being mounted. There will be some expenses when we get to mounting the aircraft.
6. Discussion on Entitlement Money: BOA is holding on to all of it until spring. They will start the bidding process in Dec or Jan, 2022 to get first on the contractors list, so we may start construction on some of our projects in the spring.
7. Discussion T Hangar Project: Currently on hold at city hall during the budget meetings. There has been some discussion on moving forward, but we will see what happens in the upcoming budget meetings. We currently have 18 people looking to park an airplane at Merrill. This is due to the fact we have maintenance and instruction located on the property.
8. Manager's Report: Lighting the ramp with more powerful lamps will cost us more then we voted on and approved last meeting. The cost per lamp is \$1000.00 plus installation. Joe Malsack made a motion to go ahead and replace only 2 of the 3 lights. Gary Schulz seconded; motion passed. Weeds were sprayed last Friday on the ramp and taxi ways needing black top. Gary Schwartz asked if there was a way to work up the gravel to slow down weed growth. Peterson was able to push some of the pole on the north fence down.
9. Chairman's Report: No report.

10. Aviation Happenings: GAMI has been successful on 100LL replacement fuel on smaller aircraft engines. They are still in the testing stage on larger engines before working on the STC. We are very hopeful this will be the answer for leaded fuel replacement.
11. Public Comment: None.
12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Young eagle flights for next year may be possible with EAA chapter 640. They are very organized with the help of EAA's online registration. This will allow for lower amounts of crowd control while performing the flights. Also, people have scheduled times to fly and do not have to wait all day. More to follow.
13. A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Malsack., seconded by Mark Weix Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Joe Malsack