

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013, AT 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Grimm and the roll was called by Lori Gerard

Present: Tom Grimm, Jim Myaard Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, David Pasquale, Andrew Schrauben, and Jim Sowle

Absent: none

Also Present: Dan Williams and Lori Gerard

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Sowle moved and Schrauben supported to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Pasquale moved and Nelson supported to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013 as submitted. Motion carried.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Sowle moved to accept the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **PROGRESS ON TREE TRIMMING PROJECT.**

Sowle commented that we need to have City Treasurer Sue Olin contact Chip Kraus at MDOT as to the status of the reimbursement check.

b. **AIPRORT REPAIR PROJECTS.**

Nelson noted that the locks on C-1&2 have been re-keyed and they were able to adjust the doors.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.**

Since all members were able to make the meeting tonight it was decided that at the next meeting it would be discussed as to whether changing the meeting dates to Wednesday's would be beneficial.

9. **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Sowle stated that the runway work on 12/30 will be done after the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

Sowle also mentioned that he has talked with City Manager Mark Howe about purchasing a new tractor for the airport to replace the current 1960's 35 HP one being used. The state has a deal currently with Ford to buy new tractors on a 10 year loan with a 3% interest rate. It is estimated that a tractor will cost from \$30,000 - \$40,000.

It was moved by Sowle and seconded by Myaard to go forward with looking for a new minimum 45 HP tractor and purchase plans thru the state. Motion carried.

Schrauben questioned if there were options for purchasing a tractor thru government surplus?

10. **FBO REPORT – WILLIAMS AIR POWER**

Williams stated that the airplane out by the road has been painted with the help of Chris Shepherdly. New decals have also be applied.

It was noted that the electric service to hangar A went out. Williams spent half of a day digging a trench and determined that the short in the electrical feed to Hangar A was underground. John from Shadow Enterprises came out with his backhoe and dug out the old wires and replaced it with a new wire from the box to the hangar. John is a pilot and co-owners of the 921 Club.

Williams commented that he had spoken with an electrician regarding the electric meters that the airport owns. It was determined that it would cost more to install the meters than they were worth. Sowle stated that he will get rid of the 18 meters we have.

It was moved by Sowle and supported by Myaard to adjourn at 7:30p.m.