

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016 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: Jeff Altoft, Jim Myaard, Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, David Pasquale, Jeff Ostrander and Chairman Tom Grimm

Absent: None.

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Bruce Whitman, Airport Manager Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Myaard moved and Grimm seconded to approve the agenda with item 10 b changed to 2016. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nelson moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Pasquale moved and Nelson seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nelson commented that the chimney sweeper believes the chimney is unsafe as there are cracks in the tile and parts of the liner are falling. Grimm questioned if it would be cost effective to replace this with a pellet stove. Altoft noted he knew a guy that could give us a price.

Grimm moved and Altoft seconded that the board should get quotes for a pellet stove. Motion carried.

8. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

Pasquale questioned the schedule for getting a new FBO as Williams will be leaving in April. Brown commented that he and Nicholls have spoken with some people about this.

9. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Brown stated he spoke with Bob Nelesen from Prien & Newhof regarding MDOT funding for aviation that might be available. More discussion will follow on this.

Letters went out with invoices requesting hangar tenants give a list of repairs needed on grounds or hangars. Responses will be presented at next meeting.

Bourgette asked if we are still considering a VASI and improvements on 624?

It was noted that the snow plow service was not plowing as often as Williams did but overall was doing a good job.

There was much discussion regarding improvements to be done in 2016. Altoft questioned if dust control has been used. The city has a contract with Kent County Road Commission so we should get a price in the spring. Brown noted that more taxiways would solve this problem. Whitman noted that the taxiways need to be wider. Myaard questioned if using crushed asphalt could be an answer.

10. FBO REPORT – WILLIAMS AIR POWER

Nicholls commented that Williams had a problem with a frozen pipe in the ceiling in the back room in building 2 but that has been taken care of.

It was noted that Williams is no longer do annuals in Lowell.

It was moved by Grimm and seconded by Myaard to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.