

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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

Present: Jeff Altoft, Tom Grimm, Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, Jeff Ostrander, David Pasquale and Lori Gerard

Absent: Jim Myaard

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Greg VanStrien, Greg Forbes, Peter Draaisma and Casey Brown

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Grimm moved and Altoft seconded to approve the absence of Myaard. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Pasquale moved and Nelson seconded to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grimm moved and Pasquale seconded to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grant update – Brown noted has had no word yet on the grant application.

- b. Taxiway paving – we have quotes from 2018 and Brown will touch base again to get an updated price. There was discussion on the feasibility of doing this in phases or all at one.
- c. Tree trimming – this is scheduled for spring clean-up day and will also rent wood chipper to attack the growth on 30. Pasquale noted that we should check with Dick Wendt if trees can be considered a safety issue.
- d. Survey – this item was added to our list. Brown would like to get a recertified survey with permanent stakes.
- e. Christmas float 2019 – item to be discussed next fall.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting dates for 2019 were submitted. Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the 2019 Airport Board meeting dates. Motion carried.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

No comments.

10. WINDCRAFT AVIATION - ALEX TAYLOR

Brown gave a brief update as Taylor had been travelling and presenting the Windcraft project.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Update on Building3 – Brown noted the Kennedy Construction has repaired the walls, doors and windows. Brown thanked Paul, Scott, Eric, Bob and Jeff for all the work and hours they have put into this project. They have patched wall, did electric work, replaced ceiling tiles, toilet, trim and painted the floor. This was way more than he expected. Altoft noted that the pressure tank needed to be addressed as the bladder is popped and needs replacing.
- b. Snow removal – Brown stated that so far we have had one push at the airport.

Brown commented that he received a call from Michigan Aviation Education Association based out of Jackson. They are coming to the area on Saturday September 21, 2019 and would like to make a stop in Lowell to visit Heidi's Corn Maze.

Brown stated he spoke with City Manager Mike Burns regarding sponsorship of a Little League team. It was decided that since this was a gray area and the city doesn't use public funds of things like this they would not be sponsoring a team.

Grimm moved Altoft seconded to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Lori Gerard