

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 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: Tom Grimm, Jim Myaard, Eric Nelson, Jeff Ostrander, David Pasquale

Absent: Paul Nicholls and Jeff Altoft.

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Peter Draaisma, Greg Forbes, Mitch Kahn, Greg VanStrien, Roger Brown, Steve Kane, Terry Williamson, Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the absences of Nicholls and Altoft. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Myaard moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes of April 10, 2019 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grant update – Brown noted he still has no word on the grant application.

- b. Tree trimming – this was taken care of at the clean-up day. Brown noted he will call the Fire Department for a burning permit.
- c. Capital Improvement projects – taxiway paving.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

10. WINDCRAFT AVIATION - ALEX TAYLOR

Taylor noted that it has been a busy few weeks. They have established a joint venture with Swift Enterprises. Taylor stated that everything is going well and a flying prototype would most likely be ready by next summer.

Taylor will be graduating from Lowell High School soon and will be hosting a Planes and Pancakes Fly-In breakfast.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Spring clean-up – Brown issued a big thank you to all those that came out that day to help. He noted that they could not have gotten all the work done without all they help. Trees and weeds were trimmed and they plan to spray the areas so they don't get that growth again.
- b. Taxiway Paving –Great Lakes Paving will be starting the project in June. Bieri's will do the excavating.
- c. Mowing – The plan is to continue using volunteers to mow. Nelson noted that one of the mowers needs a battery and the other needs blades sharpened. Brown will look into that.
- d. Safety Discussion – Brown mentioned that the airport is seeing an uptick in power paragliders. There have been no issues so far. He just wanted to remind all to use your radios if you have them. Williamson stated that to please let him know if there are any problems.
- e. Summer events – All agreed a burger night will be added to calendar for June 19.

Ostrander thanked Bourgette for rolling the runways. Bourgette asked if the airport could get on the list to get the road graded.

Pasquale moved Myaard seconded to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Lori Gerard