

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 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: Jim Myaard, Tom Grimm, Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, Jeff Altoft

Absent: David Pasquale and Jeff Ostrander

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Bruce Whitman, Steve Kane, Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the absence of Pasquale and Ostrander. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nelson moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kane stated that the area between hangars C & D needs some cleaning up. Brown stated he will talk to Alex Taylor about that.

It was also mentioned that there is a fire pit that is occasionally used. There was much discussion regarding the safety and insurance issues of this on city property.

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to eliminate open fires on Airport property. Motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

Nelson thanked Kane for helping with the mowing.

10. WIND CRAFT AVIATION - ALEX TAYLOR

None.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Fuel update – Brown noted AV gas is currently \$4.60 per gallon. He also stated that Crystal Flash will be providing the Rec Fuel for the airport at. We have 350-gallon capacity. Tank is now ready and he and Williamson rebuilt the pump. Brown stated that he will add an item to the iPad for this. The tank will also fit between the two fuel pumps.
- b. Runway Turf update – Brown stated all three mowers are running. He and Nelson will be spraying the runways and cracks for weeds.
- c. Paved runway – Brown commented that he has spoken with John at Great Lakes Paving and they are looking at a 5-year plan. He noted that the best plan is to mill up and put back down but that comes with a high cost. It was noted that we don't abuse the runway like autos do, but weather is a factor. Brown stated that he will be talking with Mike Burns about the possibility of applying for some of the local grants.
- d. Gravel drive – Brown stated that he has left a message with DPW Director Dan Czarnecki about getting the road sprayed for dust control.
- e. Runway approach trees – Brown advised that he has spoken with Vergennes Township Zoning Administrator Ryan Carrigon about the document submitted by MDOT in 2014. Vergennes hasn't adopted it into their zoning yet. There is currently one critical tree in the State Game Area. Brown stated that we are making some progress.

Grimm motioned and Altoft seconded to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Gerard