

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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: Tom Grimm, Paul Nicholls, Jim Myaard and David Pasquale

Absent: Jeff Altoft, Jeff Ostrander (arrived 7:08 pm) and Eric Nelson

Also Present: Bob Bourgette, Alex Taylor, Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve the absence of Altoft, Ostrander and Nelson. 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

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021 with corrections. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Brown stated that he has raised the price of AV gas to \$4.90.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Bourgette commented that he has taken two mowers in and will take another on Friday.

Brown and Nicholls stated that they could help Bourgette with Randy's door (D-4).

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

None.

10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Taylor stated that a lot was happening. They will have 12 guys in the office by January 2022. ORB is also working on a 10-year lease agreement with the city. Brown noted that Mike Burns has it on his desk now. Taylor noted that ORB is making significant changes to the inside of their building.

Taylor spoke about the vision he has for the airport in the future. Ostrander commented that bigger and better are two different things. He noted it is hard to imagine a more perfect place than what we have here now. Brown remarked that he welcomed some commercial business but also welcomed our grass roots.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Snow removal update – Brown stated that Scenic Expressions will be plowing again with a contract for 10 pushes for \$6200. Half will be paid in December and the other half in February. Plowing after that will be priced per push.
- b. New member at the airport – Kevin Moy moved out of C-4 on 10/31/2021 and new tenant Dwayne Scheller has moved into that space.
- c. Hangar discussion – Brown noted that he has a back log of 5 people waiting for hangar space. There was discussion on how to build more hangars. Brown recalled that the last two hangars were built in 1990 or 1991. The idea of a land lease was discussed.
- d. Runway update – Brown stated he has been talking with the Kent County Road Commission asking about the mix of asphalt and stone they put on Flat River. He has also spoken with John at Great Lakes about sealing and a crack fill top coat. He stated that we will need to tackle this in the spring.
- e. ORB long term lease – Brown noted that ORB currently pays \$1000 per month rent to the airport. He noted that city can agree to a 10-year lease with a renew of 10 years per the city charter.

Bourgette questioned how we handle tie downs. Brown noted we have not had many long term tie downs.

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Gerard