

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Tom Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Lori Gerard called roll.

Present: Tom Grimm, Paul Nicholls, Jeff Ostrander, Jim Myaard, Eric Nelson and David Pasquale

Absent: Jeff Altoft

Also Present: Terry Williamson, Jenell Veltkamp, Alex Taylor Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the agenda with corrections. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Brown commented that AV gas has gone down from \$7.10 to \$6.05 per gallon.

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

None.

10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Taylor stated he has been working 80 – 90 hour per week and doing a lot of traveling for meetings with different military groups. ORB has a couple of prototypes in the works. Currently they are weighing in at 65-70 lbs., which are heavier than expected.

Williamson commented that the updates in the ORB building look great.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Brown noted that he wanted to add an item of Tumbleweeds to the agenda.

- a. Tumbleweeds – Brown stated that tumbleweeds are collecting on the east side of the fences with some as large as 5 ft. tall. He believes these are by products of the seeding done by the farmers a couple years ago. Brown has reached out to MSU extension office to see how best to treat them. More importantly, he would like permanently eradicate them.
- b. Snow removal update – Brown stated he met with Tom from Scenic Expressions as he is selling the business but will be doing some plowing for the new owners. They are working on the Airport proposal now. Brown commented that he does not expect anything unreasonable based on the 10 pushes contract we had last year.
Brown notified the board that the giant blower from Flint sold before he could look at it.
- c. Fuel price update – Brown stated fuel price went down with the last AV gas shipment. Price now is \$6.05 per gallon.
- d. MDOT tree and runway resurfacing update- Brown stated he is still working with Michael at MDOT and they are sending out letters again to property owners about trees in the air space, as they have not had much response. MDOT is working thru the process of citing fines for those that do not comply. Brown commented that he has been having conversations with MDOT regarding a loan program for runway resurfacing. He would like this done possibly early next year.
- e. Fly-In recap – Brown stated that Fly-In went really well with 168 people fed. The gross dollars were about \$1500, which made our profit between \$600 and \$700.

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Gerard