

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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, Eric Nelson, Jeff Ostrander and David Pasquale

Absent: Jeff Altoft, Jim Myaard and Paul Nicholls

Also Present: Greg Forbes, Bruce Whitman, Cathy Wilhelm, Casey Brown and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nelson moved and Grimm seconded to approve the minutes of June 8, 2022 with corrections. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Brown commented that July 1 is the start of the new fiscal year.

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

Nelson questioned if the courtesy car is being used. Brown stated it gets regular use.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

Dave Pasquale introduced his daughter Cathy.

Brown stated that a new brush hog that was purchased to take care of the tumbleweeds.

10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Brown gave a brief update in Taylor's absence. Today Taylor is at a conference. Orb is continuing to purchase homes at the east end of the airport where they have housed fellowship students.

Brown mentioned that there is an article in the July issue of Grand Rapids Business Journal about Orb.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Update on property owners who received MDOT letters – Brown stated he has been calling back and forth with Michael from MDOT about letters mailed to property owners who have trees in the airspace. MDOT could impose fines and legal action for non-compliance.
- b. Update on MDOT zoning for Vergennes Township – Brown stated he would be attending the Vergennes Township meeting on August 15. He is hoping they will adopt the zoning ordinance from 2014 that MDOT provided for trees and encroachments. Brown noted that the ordinance does not constrain homeowners on what they can do.
- c. August Burger Night – After some discussion it was decided that August 24 would be the next Burger Night from 6:00 pm to dark.
- d. Kickoff discussion for September 17, 2022 Fly In. – Preliminary plans have been made for the Pancake Breakfast Fly In in conjunction with the Fallasburg Festival. More details to follow at the September meeting.

The Power Paraglider pilots have been helping with the mowing around the airport as well as Jeff and Eston.

Grimm moved and Pasqual seconded to adjourn at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Gerard