

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Pasquale called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Jenell Veltkamp called roll.

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

Absent: Jeff Ostrander

Also Present: Casey Brown, Bruce Whitman, Jason Taylor and Peter Draaisma

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Pasquale moved and Nelson seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Altoft moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Airport driveway was graded and it was nicely done. The City did the work a couple weeks ago.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Swisher not ready yet. Nelson will call Frank in next several weeks.

10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Jason Taylor shared three employees are in training. Orb Aerospace employs a total of 15 people.

Jason welcomed people to come in to get to know everybody. They are thankful for the space.

New prototype TBird2 met indoor testing requirements. Now they can test outdoors.

Air force Generals will be stopping by the Lowell Airport. Next week Michigan National Guard to view this outside the box / futuristic concept.

Request for flight testing outdoors at the Lowell Airport. Tbird2 does not require fuel. ORB is requesting two poles 14 ft high off the ground. 164 ft from pole to pole. Steel cable across top and bottom. No more than 184 ft.

Grimm motion ORB AEROSPACE to work together with Casey Brown to determine an outdoor space for ORB Aerospace can use for testing.

- 1) Different person from Orb will be attending the board meeting monthly.
- 2) Low Water Pressure in the Orb building. Tank is approx. 5 years old. Casey will call Roger.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Update on fuel
 - New fuel load, fuel prices went down \$5.45
 - Rec. gas tank is $\frac{3}{4}$ full
- b. Discussion around cleanup day on the 22nd of April
 - Rent Dumpster
 - Wind socks ordered
 - Fix runway lights
 - Roller rental irrigation
- c. Update on runway resurfacing - Brown mentioned he will get county prices later part of summer. Prices will go to MDOT to get the loan for the work. Seal the cracks, liquid asphalt top layer. Expects to pay it off in 5 years. Approx. \$50-60k, \$55k last year, and \$75k budget.

Myaard moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jenell Veltkamp