

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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

Present: Jim Myaard, Jeff Ostrander, Jeff Altoft and Tom Grimm

Absent: Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, David Pasquale

Also Present: Casey Brown, Greg Forbes, Andrew Quada, Jason Taylor and Thad (electrical engineer)

### 2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grimm moved and Altoft seconded to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023. Motion carried.

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Snow plowing did not go beyond the contracted amount of pushes.

Grimm moved and seconded by Myaard 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

City Resident – Andrew Quada

Andrew shared his background and why he would like to be involved on the Airport Board.

Altoft moved and seconded by Grimm for Quada to complete the Application for Airport Board Appointment to the City. Motion carried.

### 9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Altoft mentioned the road looks nice. Dust control scheduled.

#### 10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Jason Taylor introduced Thad, Sr. Engineer. Current project EVETOL. They are testing at Grayling. Potential future testing in Lowell is on hold for now.

Jason welcomes people to come into ORB Building. Three new employees hired reviewed expectations. Casey to make a path if needed to help ORB employees cross the runway.

Enjoyed cleanup day.

#### 11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Cleanup Day – Thank you!
  - Replaced lights, cleaned cones and mulched
  - Possible replacement of runway lights. Currently airport has low intensity lights. May look into medium intensity lights, LED.
- b. Roller Rental / Bobcat update – Casey will reach out this week.
- c. Runway Resurface update- Brown mentioned Andrew, Contractor works with the county. Possibly resurface mid-June, he gave him a quote not to exceed value. Casey will ask if he has done any other airports before getting with MDOT and working with Mike the City Manager.  
Prices will go to MDOT to get the loan for the work. Work has a 10 year guarantee.  
Chip seal, 2 layers of fog asphalt.
- d. Grass Runway Leveling at hard surface intersections – Getting a quote from Barry's

Grimm moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Jenell Veltkamp