

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 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, Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, David Pasquale, Jeff Ostrander, and Tom Grimm

Absent: Jeff Altoft

Also Present: Casey Brown, Bruce Whitman, Peter Draaisma, Greg VanStrien, Andrew Quada, and Jacob Bruner (ORB employee)

### 2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of May 11, 2023 with correction. Motion carried.

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mowers battery died. Purchased longer jumper cables.

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

None.

### 9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Two lights at the end of the runway are broken as well as a flat tire. Casey will purchase new bulbs for the runway possibly red.

#### 10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Jacob Bruner, Lead Mechanical Engineer. Testing a new design

- RV is getting fixed.
- Orb Aerospace hired another employee.
- Alex Taylor passed his pilot test.

#### 11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Runway Resurface update- Brown mentioned scheduling conflict. Tentative date August.
- b. Tumbleweed management – Brown working with MSU to determine how to kill the tumbleweed. They've identified the tumbleweed as Purple Love Grass. Grass spray will kill it. Also, the grass can be cut before it blooms to help eradicate.
- c. Burger Night
  - June burger night is on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm until dusk.
  - August burger night will be Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm until dusk.
- d. Love Week Next week
  - 1 crew will arrive on June 19<sup>th</sup> to paint wind socks yellow
  - 1 crew on 21<sup>st</sup> will paint Hangar C blue.
- e. Dave Pasquale mentioned he would like to stay on the board through end of the year at the latest. Grimm and board members appreciate all his knowledge. Andrew Quada submitted his application to be on the Airport Board, pending decision from Mayor DeVore.

Grimm moved and seconded by Myaard to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Jenell Veltkamp