

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 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, Greg VanStrien, Andrew Quada, and Thad and Aldous (ORB employees)

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nelson moved and Myaard seconded to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023 as written. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Brown shared he purchased a custom fuel gas sign. Replaced the windsock.

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

Ostrander thanked Casey and Andrew for mowing the airport.

10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

Aldous and Thad shared ORB finished a project and now are building another prototype that's getting presented in Maryland. The whole team is going to Oshkosh. RV is repaired.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Burger Night Re-cap - went well. Over 100 burgers made.
- b. Runway resurfacing and irrigation update – letter has been sent to MDOT. It has to go to the board for approval. Up to \$100k grant to spend on improvements. The resurfacing will likely happen next year. Old runway extension has some bare spots. Brown wants to put seed down and use the sprinklers.
- c. Fuel Update – switched over to the second tank recently. Brown will purchase fuel again soon. New fuel price sign displays Mo Gas and unleaded pricing.
- d. Tumbleweed update – Brown is working with MSU to determine the tumbleweeds current state of growth. It looks like grass. Can use herbicide to kill it. Blooms in fall. It becomes an issue in September and October.
- e. Mowing – Brown would like to purchase new mowers tow behind. The current mowers are serviced yearly and have a decent resale value. Batteries are disconnected on current mowers.
- f. Things considering:
 - Another taxi way is not off the table. Brown said he can get an updated quote, last quote was \$9k
 - Another T Hanger (east of C) possible a land lease or sublease

Grimm moved and seconded by Nicholls to adjourn at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jenell Veltkamp