

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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: Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, Jeff Ostrander, and Tom Grimm

Absent: Jeff Altoft, Jim Myaard, David Pasquale

Also Present: Casey Brown, Bruce Whitman, Greg VanStrien, and Jason Taylor

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the corrected agenda. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grimm moved and Nelson seconded to approve the minutes of July 12, 2023 with correction. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Windsock location possibly 6 ft tall on a hanger. Casey Brown will check into it.

Maple tree limbs at the entrance of the airport may need to be trimmed due to the lack of visibility.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS

Ostrander thanked Casey and the guys for all the lawn care at the airport.

Discussion of security cameras and motion sensors around the fuel pump. Airport currently has a security system that is used via a phone app. SimpliSafe security option is around \$20 a month

Discussion about options for weather information at the airport.

## 10. ORB AEROSPACE

Jason Taylor - Thank you for the booth at Oshkosh. Alex and Ashley's wedding is Sunday, September 17, 2023. A third of the ORB team is in Alpena and Grayling. Monday, they are demoing for the governor. RV trailer has a second coat of paint.

## 11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Tie-down charges, should the airport charge for tie downs? Daily, weekly, monthly? Consensus was the airport should not charge for tie-downs.
- b. August 23 Burger Night – share the event via social media sites.
- c. Discussion for September 16 Pancake Fly-In
  - Notification out to the public next week. Casey to talk with Chamber of Commerce on best way to advertise the event. Check to see if the Marquee is available. Have ORB do a live demo.
  - Tables and Chairs will be set up for Alex's Wedding. Wedding is on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Continue to do some research on to add Lowell Airport to the RAF (Recreational Aviation Foundation) airfield directory. Possibly ideas about having a tie-down with campsites east of the facility.
- e. Tumbleweed update – Brown is monitoring the growth and is spraying in growth areas where purple grass is found.

Grimm moved and seconded by Nelson to adjourn at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Jenell Veltkamp