

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 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, Eric Nelson, Paul Nicholls, David Pasquale, and Tom Grimm

Absent: Jeff Altoft and Jeff Ostrander

Also Present: Casey Brown, Greg VanStrien and Bruce Whitman

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve the absence of Altoft and Ostrander. 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 Nicholls seconded to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022 with a correction. Motion carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded 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

2023 Airport Meeting Schedule

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to approve 2023 meeting schedule with correction. Motion carried.

9. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.

None.

10. ORB AEROSPACE - ALEX TAYLOR

None.

11. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Update on tree removal for runway 12/30 – Brown went to 660 Forstrom Drive twice but no answer.
- b. Snow removal update – Brown stated Scenic Expressions did four pushes during the last storm.
- c. Update on runway resurfacing – Brown will work on getting a quote. MDOT does stripping and resurfacing loans.
- d. Think Spring!!! Thoughts and ideas for spring projects – Gravel for the main drive. Finish removal of the insulation and blow it out to start fresh in the spring. Replace bulbs / lights and windssocks that are missing on the runway. Brown mentioned irrigation. Seeds and fertilizer would need to be picked up. Nelson can get some in Caledonia. VanStrien optioned Starbard Farms and Feed on Riverside Dr. Brown mentioned renting a bobcat forestry mulcher to clear surrounding area.
- e. Love Week - June 2023. Thoughts and ideas for projects – Brown mentioned some of the blue paint is fading on the doors. Repaint the compass rose. Painting and replacing damaged cones near the runway. Discussion about sending a hangar survey this year. This helped to limit the complaints throughout the year and allowed them to address each survey. Veltkamp will bring a sample of last year's survey to the next meeting.

Grimm moved and Myaard seconded to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jenell Veltkamp