

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Rowe; Commissioners Jeff Hurula, Kelly Nelson, Sue Thurn; Airport Manager Mike Nichols; Treasurer Dale Kruse; Deanne Allen.

Also attending: Matt Messina, BOA; and Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Guests:

Elizabeth Holland, Nina Albanesekotan, Mike Choate

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Hurula to keep the present officers—Doug Rowe as Chair and Bob Rasmussen as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

The position of Secretary/Treasurer were tabled pending review of the Airport Operations Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Thurn to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the public hearing minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 5, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Thurn to approve the December 5, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Kruse reported that all hangar tenants paid through the year.

The budget allotment payment has been received from Namakagon.

Motion by Commissioner Thurn, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit.

Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mike Nichols reported that snow plowing has been a big struggle this year. The airport has been closed a total of 11 days. Lights have been done 3 times and need to be done again. The ground will be very torn up in spring. He will contact Gruel

Brushing that was not done in 2022 will need to be done in 2023. The Birkie will remove the trees on the west side.

Joe Garceau's shell hangar is complete.

The gas price is \$5.80 which is more in line with other airports.

Public Comment:

Mike Jacob stated he is a commissioned at the Air Force Lake Superior Squadron. He wanted to inform the Commission that he is available to attend events in the area. He will give his contact information to Mike Nichols.

David Petit, DP Construction/PPC Construction stated that he will be workin on the terminal building. Commissioner Thurn will have Town Supervisor Dean Hambrecht contact him to do a walk through of the building. He bills \$40/hour for time and materials and has an account at Nelson Lumber. He will send his insurance information to the Town Clerk.

It was the consensus of the Commission that he use Cable Home and Lumber for materials through the Commission's account.

NEW BUSINESS

Gun club

Chairman Rowe reported receiving a letter from Hal Davis at the BOA regarding a concern reported by Elizabeth Holland about the gun club so close to the airport.

Karl Kastrosky stated he is not sure the letter is based on fact. All entry points have been lowered. Documents on berm heights, marksmen documented in 2012 and every since. Berms will continue to expand. FAA approved the land release in 2018, with the land use of a gun club in the vicinity of the airport. No changes have been made.

Elizabeth Holland invited Commissioners to a public forum meeting to be held Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to learn more about gun club plans.

The FAA is reviewing the proximity of the gun club to the airport. No site visit has been done by the FAA. Berms have been reconfigured. All the land from the trap range has been clear cut. While she wants the gun club to thrive, accommodations are needed to make it safer. At this time it is un supervised and unsecured. Many who use it drive in and are not aware they are shooting toward an airport. She would like to see the gun club secured with operation hours posted with supervised use and possibly restrict the types of weapons allowed. It would be helpful if the FAA did a site visit to make sure gun club renovations meet FAA standards.

Chair Rowe stated that the gun club and airport have co-existed harmoniously for over 40 years. Safety is taken seriously, and the gun club is important to the community.

Kastrosky stated there has been a plan since the purchase of the property from the airport. Information is on the website. An Open House was held last fall and nothing has changed. If there is an issue, it makes sense to address it. The club wants to work with the community.

Commissioner Nelson agreed to attend the meeting on January 31, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

BOA

Matt Messina gave the information of where to send the Commission's funding petition:

Brandon Benjamin, Planning Specialist
4822 Madison Yards Way, 5th Floor South, Room 535
Madison 53704-7914

Environmental Assessment Update

Brad Volker reported that he is waiting for exhibits as a result of revised comments to move forward. Exhibits will be given to sub consultants for historic preservation work. Then the rest of the EA will be done. Hal Davis is helping with exhibits. He would like to see clear zone easements fee simple.

Golf Course Property

Chair Rowe stated that James Bolen reports that selling the golf course property continues to move forward. It is anticipated the closing will be in March.

Volker noted that if the sale goes through, there may be a need to build into the EA the cost of moving the road.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Review

Commissioners Nelson, Hurula and Thurn will meet at 1:00 p.m. on February 20, 2023, at the Cable Community Centre to review the Airport Operations Ordinance for possible amendments to be recommended to the town boards.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Rowe reconvened the open meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Next Meetings: February 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Commission Meeting - March 29, 2023

Adjourn

Chair Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

