

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 - 4:30 P.M.
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE-**

**MINUTES
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1. Call to Order

Chairman Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:33.

2. Attendance:

Chairman Doug Rowe; Commissioners Jeff Hurula, Kelly Nelson, Pat Rogers, Sue Thurn; Treasurer Dale Kruse; Airport Manager Mike Nichols; and Secretary Deanne Allen

Also attending: Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Guests: Peter Spencer
Phil Cable
Joe Hickey
Chris Senn
Laura Boley

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Nelson Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Hurula to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes 9-15-2022

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Thurn to approve the September 15, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

Income: \$10,132.42 (Received CSSRR Grant of \$9,000)

Total Bills Paid: \$5,445.17

Checking Account Balance: \$4,687.25
Paid QT Pod membership for five years

Motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Hurula to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. Motion carried.

6. Manager's Report

Airport Manager Mike Nichols reported that the new Boley hangar is framed in. As soon as the Boley hangar is done, work will start on a hangar for Joe Garceau.

Following up on the car accident by Mr. Bijur who backed into airport electrical equipment, repairs have not yet been made. Mr. Bijur has assured Mike he will get everything fixed.

Runway markings will be painted next summer. This work will be added to the hangar project.

The airport currently has 9 official based aircraft. Matt Messina at BOA is showing 7. The aircraft for Boleys and Garceaus will be added.

Mike will order signs to keep the public off the airport property. The signs are \$30 each and will be posted next spring.

Windows have been ordered for the terminal and will be here by the end of the month. Someone is needed to install them.

Ben Popp has agreed with tree removal around the beacon. Mike will see if Birkie people will take them down.

7. Public Comments

Joe Hickey thanked the Commission for removal of a tree to the south of the runway. The more usable runway the better. There is an issue with deer. There have been 8 incidents where there is a deer path at touchdown coming in from south to north. He volunteered to help with cutting trees and opening air space.

There has been discussion about a transient hangar. This would be a great asset for the airport.

Chairman Rowe stated that the Commission is trying to make the runway as safe as possible. Commissioners fought hard for a 3700 foot runway, but the FAA says the airport is only cleared for 3400 feet. There are no plans to shrink the pavement. The Commission has fought for 3700 feet for a long time. The goal has always been the length of the runway.

Commissioner Nelson noted that the classification index for the airport's level of traffic is Class C, which only guarantees a 3400 foot runway. Most rural airports are Class C. The next class is for 4400 feet.

Chair Rowe stated that trees will be cleared appropriately for 3400 feet, and that will determine where the displaced thresholds are located. The airport has been trying for many years to cut trees to the south, but there is a conflict with the golf course, and there is no support from the community for eminent domain. It is hoped that the new buyers of the golf course property will be friendly to removing trees. The closing was to be August 31, 2022, but was delayed because of title issues.

Joe Hickey stated that he supports the airport 100%. He asked about what looks like an easement into golf course property. Brad Volker responded that there is one easement to the south that was in place before the Commission existed, in 1967. That easement is in perpetuity.

Chairman Rowe added that once the property is sold, the Commission will work to nullify the easement. Then it will be easier and less expensive. Joe Hickey suggested the Commission has leverage now to cut the trees or hold up the sale. Commissioner Hurula noted that the trees on the golf course property are not on the easement.

Joe Hickey stated that the road is on airport property. Volker responded that the road does cut through the runway protection zone. It is 1000 feet past the runway. Today FAA would not allow a road that close, but it is grandfathered in. Whether the road is moved or not would not increase the amount of runway FAA would allow with displaced thresholds. The Commission is looking to the FAA and WI DOT to help address the tree issue.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Restoration of Parod Hangar

Parod Hangar is no longer safe for airplanes, and it is not on the ALP. The Commission will ask Commissioner Bob Rasmussen the cost to tear it down and construct a new hangar.

9. Hangar Security - Cyclone Fence

This item is part of the budget discussion.

10. Runway Markings

This item was mentioned in the Manager's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Fat Tire Discussion - Peter Spencer

Everything about the Fat Tire event went smoothly until it rained. There was much at both the entrance and exit. Drivers moved the boulders to drive across the runway rather than through the mud. Peter Spencer apologized deeply to the Commission and accepted total responsibility. No one expected this. He offered to reimburse the Commission for signs at the parking exits.

Commissioner Rogers noted that signs were posted for one-way traffic, which were not followed. He would vote to not allow further parking on airport property. Commissioner Nelson agreed that the runway must be blocked.

Chairman Rowe stated that the Fat Tire event is positive for the community, and he wants to be sure there is a cooperative relationship. The sheriff's presence needs to be reserved at that time. Spencer stated that Fat Tire officials will work directly with the Commission and to do everything needed.

12. 2023 Strategic Planning and Budget

The Commission briefly discussed the following priorities:

- Parod Hangar funding for replacement
- Cyclone fence and gates - two automatic gates will be needed. This is in the ALP and should be moved up on the priority list to install a 6-foot terminal fence with controlled gate access. Chairman Rowe read the following from the Airport Master Plan:

“This project will construct a 6-foot airport terminal “deterrent” fence around the terminal area. Controlled access gates would be constructed to the apron and hangar site access road.

Completion of this project will improve airport security. Fencing and access gates are necessary to prevent inadvertent intrusions by

persons from entering the airside operations area which could result in property damage or bodily injury.

Chairman Rowe will call Matt at the BOA to find out if the Phase 2 hangar development has to be a separate project.

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule a work meeting to set a budget and priorities for 2023. The work meeting will be October 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.

13. Hangar Owner Association/AOPA - Laura Boley

Laura Boley reported that Kyle Lewis is the AOPA contact person for this airport. He will be attending the next Hangar Association meeting. The association is willing to help with any issues and is researching information on grant opportunities. The priorities identified are:

1. Safety
2. Security
3. Good neighbor
4. Appearance

Chairman Rowe stated that the Commission is looking for a good partnership with the Hangar Association. He urged them to be advocates and emphasized that hangar owners are welcome at all Commission meetings.

Resignation

Commissioner Pat Rogers, representative from Drummond, turned in his resignation.

Next Agenda Items:

2023 Budget
Restoration of Parod Hangar
Hangar Security
Runway Markings
Airport Security
Hangar Owner Association

15. Adjournment

Chair Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.