

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT  
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 4:30 P.M.  
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Chairman Doug Rowe, Commissioners Ray Ebert, Jeff Hurula, Bob Rasmussen, Sue Thurn, Treasurer Dale Kruse, and Secretary Deanne Allen (via zoom).

**Guests:**

Lora Boley, Karl Kastrosky  
Matt Messina, Brad Volker, David Popelka (via zoom)

**3. Introduction New Commissioner from Drummond**

Chair Rowe welcomed Ray Ebert who has been officially appointed as the Airport Commission representative from Drummond.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion passed.

**5. Approval of Minutes - January 17, 2023**

The minutes were tabled to the March meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Ebert, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen to dispense with approval of the January 17, 2023 meeting minutes to the March meeting.

Motion carried.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kruse reported that all of the townships have sent in their annual allotments of \$10,000 each. The Birkie sent in a check for \$2,000.

A bill was received from Rasmussen Excavating in the amount of \$16,085 for removal of the collapsed Parod Hangar. The invoice included \$1170 for labor. Insurance allows approximately 12,500 for removal and \$40,000 for the building. The total current overall balance is \$121,144.

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen to approve payment of the excavation bill in the amount of \$16,085.

Motion carried.

Chairman Rowe noted that he has contacted Bayfield County regarding a \$10,000 allotment to match the towns' contributions. He will continue to follow up.

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Ebert to approve the treasurer's report and file it for audit.

Motion carried.

**7. Manager's Report**

Mike reported he was not contacted by the Birkie about gates. A pedestrian path and vehicle entrance was put in for the airport parking area that was used, but he does not know why. Chairman Rowe asked him to be sure it is blocked out.

The Birkie also did not notify the airport that there would be flying drones. Someone was hired with a commercial operator license so all FAA regulations were followed.

The airport was closed from Thursday, February 23rd to Friday, February 24th for the Birkie.

Fuel sales total 80 gallons.

**8. Public Comments**

Karl Kastrosky reported development on the gun club property to address safety and noise. He requested to be placed on meeting notices and agendas. Previously, there was discussion about a fence between the airport and gun club property. The gun club is talking about on open wire fence on wooden posts from the storage building to the entrance with pedestrian gates.

Chairman Rowe requested the gun club be put on the March agenda for the Airport Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**10. Update BOA - Matt Messina**

Exhibits to the EA have all been revised. Commissioners Hurula, Nelson and Chairman Rose met with Matt and Brad to discuss EA options. The work is getting close to determining public options and preferences.

**11. EA Update/Hangar Expansion - Brad Volker**

Matt is working on setting a bid date for Phase 2 of hangar development. The plan is to bid this spring and begin construction by early summer. There is a 45 to 60-day review period for the FAA. Then the project can be advertised.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. Snowmobile Trail Reroute - David Popelka**

There is a snowmobile trail that comes around the airport along Telemark Road. In order to eliminate road crossings for the trail, the Snowmobile Club would like to extend the trail approximately 100 feet onto airport property at the empty parking lot before it crosses to Birkie property. Chairman Rowe responded that the Airport Commission cannot allow a snowmobile trail on airport property without a concurrent use agreement. Non-aeronautical uses cannot be allowed without approval by the BOA, even for 100 feet. If the Commission were to work through the BOA to accommodate a trail, it would take a long time. Brad Volker added that it has to do with grant assurances the Commission signs for funding. It is frustrating that the FAA will not allow such a trail which is so common in the north. There have been struggles with similar requests elsewhere.

Popelka asked if it would make a difference if the trail stays on the town road right-of-way. Brad responded that he does not believe that would be a problem. Matt added that if the trail is not on airport property, then the Airport Commission cannot prohibit it.

Chairman Rowe thanked Mr. Popelka for talking to the Commission. If the Snowmobile Club would like to pursue this, he would be willing to help talk with the BOA. However, if there is another way to accomplish the goal, that would be easiest.

### **13. Comp Plan - Karl Kastrosky**

Kasrosky stated that the Airport Overlay identifies what lands are owned or encumbered by the airport, as well as the aviation easements. The overlay is designed to be inserted into the Comp Plan. It is important because it solidifies airport holdings and gives notice that planes are flying in this area. This is a way the Commission can protect, enhance and educate people on the airport. The airport does not own land. The towns own the land and controls it. It is in the Commission's best interest to identify land that is under airport control.

He proposed to develop an airport overlay map and review the airport narrative for the revised Comp Plan at a cost not to exceed \$3000. This would not include changing deeds.

Matt stated his office has a map of fee simple land and easements, but it may be a little outdated. It does not show the recent sale of land to the gun club.

Kastrosky stated that he is just trying to have the airport boundaries overlaid on a GIS map as well as identify any easements important to landowners. Changing deeds is not necessary. Matt agreed to send the map he has as a starting point.

Commissioner Ebert stated he would like to see Matt's map used as a base. Commissioner Thurn asked if there are funds in the budget to do this work.

It was the consensus of the Commission for Kastrosky to receive the map from Matt Messina and come to the next Airport Commission meeting to discuss the Comp Plan.

### **14. Petition**

Chairman Rowe reported that the last petition submitted was not complete. Commissioner Ebert has revised it in proper form and included all work items that were mentioned in the public

hearing but not included in the original petition.. The revised petition was approved and signed by commissioners and will be mailed to Brandon Benjamin at the BOA in Madison.

**15. Airport Ordinance**

This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

**16. Libby Hangar Update**

Parod Hangar collapsed from the weight of snow. Chairman Rowe stated that \$40,000 was received from insurance for the building. Debris removal insurance will not be paid until the Commission incurs the cost for a new building. He asked Matt what has to be done to get funding to rebuild this summer.

Matt stated that funding will depend on whether the building is used for a hangar or storage of snow removal equipment (SRE). Would it be the same footprint? If not, the ALP would have to be revised to show where the building will be located. Certain size requirements are necessary for that purpose. The funding ratio for costs would be 90% federal, 5% state and 5% would be the responsibility of the Commission. The first step is an eligibility statement and sending in a petition to give the BOA the authority to act as the agent on the project. Then a consultant will be hired to design the building and go through the bid process before construction. It will be at least 2024 or later before construction can begin.

Chairman Rowe stated he would like to build an equipment storage building because the Commission plans to continue to acquire equipment for brushing and snow removal. It would be the same size as the old terminal— 50' x 70'. With the new hangars, there is not a demand to lease hangar space. It was the consensus of the Commission to pursue construction of an SRE building.

Matt stated that each airport is eligible for a new SRE building that is standard in size. Commissioners can look at the ones built in Lakeland and Shell Lake. As soon as he receives a petition, he will plan it with Mark Graczykowski and will schedule a meeting on how to fund it. Chairman Rowe emphasized that the Commission wants to move on this work as soon as possible.

Commissioner Thurn stated that she will discuss moving the remainder of insurance money into a contingency fund that draw more interest with the Cable Clerk/Treasurer.

**17. Tractor Repair Update**

Chairman Rowe stated that the tractor was in the collapsed hangar. The insurance company will send an independent appraiser for tractor repair. Repair has not started. The quote Mike received is \$24,426, which is way too high.

**18. Telemark Properties Update**

Chairman Rowe stated that he was informed that there is a developer who is close to closing on the golf course property. Closing is anticipated by the end of March.

**Resignation**

Chairman Rowe stated that he is sad to report that Secretary Deanne Allen is resigning as secretary. He will forward her letter to all Commissioners. She has agreed to stay through April to help with the transition to a new person.

The position will be posted on the Cable website and in Namakagon.

**Items for Next Agenda:**

Gun Club  
Comp Plan  
Ordinance  
Hangar  
Tractor  
Minutes

**Next Meeting:            Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Cable Community Centre, 4:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**Chairman Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.**