

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT  
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 - 4:30 P.M.  
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:32.

**2. Attendance**

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

Guest: Pam Ruegger, Kevin Wanecke.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Discussion on hangar restoration and the 2023 budget were added to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Hurula to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes 8-16-2022**

One correction was noted for AOPA.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Hurula to approve the September 16, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion carried.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

The current balance is \$55,800.

There was \$2,446 in fuel sales.

The Commission received the ARPAA and SCHSSR COVID relief funds in the amounts of \$9,000 and \$22,000 respectively.

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report and file it for audit.

Motion carried.

**6. Manager's Report**

The Boleys and Garceaux plan to begin building their hangars by the end of October. Boleys have had difficulty with the FAA. A lease was signed in May, 2022. Measurements were sent to the FAA in July. In August, the FAA requested six measurements which were sent in. There has been no response.

It was the consensus of the Commission to pay a 5-year subscription to QT Pod to save money. Mike will request an invoice.

A recent car accident damaged electrical work at the airport. Repairs were supposed to have been taken care of in July, but nothing has been done to date. Chairman Rowe will follow up.

Norvado installed fiber optic. Some damage needs repair. Mike will call Judy Hinman.

Communication is needed with Chamber Director Heather Ludzack regarding the Airport Fly-In pancake breakfast on Fall Fest day, which does not compete with the pancake breakfast in town.

Approved minutes are not posted on the website. Deanne will check with Cable's website manager, Shelly Wilson.

Runway markings need to be painted.

Commissioner Rasmussen stated that the Namakagon crew is available for brushing and mowing.

## **7. Public Comments**

Chairman Rowe welcomed Pam Ruegger and Kevin Wanecke who attended the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **8. Update from BOA - Matt Messina**

Commissioner Thurn was unable to log into Zoom to include Matt Messina. The Commission was unable to reach him by phone or email.

### **9. Update on EA and Hangar Expansion - Brad Volker**

Brad Volker joined the meeting by speaker phone. He is waiting for FAA approval for the planning documents for the next hangar development. Plan are to put the project out for bid in 2023 with construction in the summer of 2023.

Volker reported that Hal Davis delivered updated data and proposed easement acquisitions. Time will be scheduled with the Commission to review the drawings. The option of a full runway was not an included option. The runway will be 3400 feet.

A table is being developed for each option regarding obstructive trees, stump removal, navigation easements. The DNR is concerned about tree removal in wetlands. The wetland of concern is along Spring Creek on the east edge of the airport. The Commission may be required to replace wetland elsewhere. He plans to discuss proposed options at the November Commission meeting.

Runway markings need to be repainted but cannot be done until thresholds are determined. The acquisition process may take a long time. For now, the runway will be marked.

Mike will follow up with Brad about putting in more property irons.

#### **10. Terminal Restoration**

Commissioner Rogers stated that his proposal is out. Commissioner Thurn stated that Supervisor Hambrecht can direct the project and do some interior work. She will ask him to talk to Brad Parker about electrical replacements. Chris Brinker can work on the restoration beginning next spring.

Restoration of Parod Hangar will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **11. Airport Security**

Boulders have been placed to prevent vehicles from entering airport property. More boulders are available if needed from Namakagon. A cyclone fence is needed to prevent access to hangars.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **12. Fall Fest Fly-In**

A Pancake Breakfast is planned from 8:00 to Noon. Pam Ruegger stated that she sent flyers to area airports and will help serve that morning.

### **13. Hangar Owner Association - Pam Ruegger**

Pam Ruegger reported that hangar owners are in the process of forming a Hangar Owner Association.

### **14. AOPA**

Pam Ruegger completed the liaison course for AOPA. She reported that AOPA concerns are not the same as the Commission's. The EA is eating most of the funding available to the Commission. There is a lot of history here and funding is needed to redo the terminal. There is also history that the airport does not follow through on studies. The airport has easements to a lot of property and must take the lead on removal of trees.

Chair Rowe encouraged the formation of a Hangar Owner's Association and stated he would welcome their input. He explained that the Commission pays for studies and then lacks funds to follow through. Support is needed from outside bureaucracies that is not forthcoming. He expressed his great appreciation for Pam Ruegger's time and learning. The golf course easement is in perpetuity, which is why those trees have not been removed.

Pam agreed to attend Commission meetings and continue to work as a liaison with the AOPA.

### **Next Agenda Items:**

2023 Budget: A copy of the ALP is needed to determine priorities.  
Establish contingency amount.

It was the consensus of the Commission for the October meeting to focus on a discussion of the 2023 budget.

The zoom link will be included on the posted agenda.

**Next Meeting:** October 13, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. - Cable Community Centre

**15. Adjournment**

Chair Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.