

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT  
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 - 4:30 P.M.  
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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order 4:30**

Chair Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Attendance**

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

Also attending were Dean Hambrecht and Mike Most.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chair Rowe item Nos. 11, Cleanup Day and 14, Bike Festival on the agenda to be considered first.

Motion by Commissioner Thurn, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

**Cleanup Day:**

Kay Rowe joined the meeting by zoom and reported a Cleanup Day planned for the airport on Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. Trees need to be cut by the flag pole and propeller exhibit. Painting and sprucing up the years will be done. Materials tools will be available for the work planned.

Also, new frames will be purchased to protect photos from ultra violet light and preserve the airport's historical resources.

**Chequamegon MTB Bike Festival - Mike Most**

Mike Most requested use of airport property for Saturday, September 17, 2022, for parking for the Chequamegon MTB Bike Festival. Under 2000 participants are expected, but the option to use the lot next to the old lodge site is requested in case it is needed. Ten acres of the

portion next to the woods will be mowed a couple days in advance. This area is not near the runway. The Commission will be compensated \$1250 for the day.

Motion by Chair Rowe, seconded by Commissioner Thurn to allow Chequamegon MTB use of airport property for parking on Saturday, September 17, 2022, for a fee of \$1250.

### **Approval of Minutes - March 15, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Hurula to approve March 15, 2022 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dale Kruse reported that all townships have sent in their annual allotments to the airport. Birkie submitted a check for \$2000 for parking for the year on airport property for Birkie events.

The bill for plowing the airport has not been received from Cable. The town will be contacted for the invoice.

The checking balance is \$43,283; fuel savings is \$20,173. There have been no fuel sales.

Commissioner Thurn noted the approved budget is \$101,000, which includes using the checking and savings carryover. The airport will be receiving two large invoices from the BOA for the environmental assessment and hangar expansion. However, the airport is expecting reimbursement from previous projects, as well as COVID assistance funding.

Motion by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Chair Rowe to accept treasurer's report and file it for audit.

Motion carried.

### **Manager's Report**

Airport Manager Mike Nichols reported that the Hamburger Fly-in is set for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, which is the summer solstice.

The EAA Chapter has set Saturday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to offer free airplane rides for youth.

Mike checked into advertising the expansion in the Midwest Flyer, which is \$578 per issue for a small business card-size ad. If an ad is confirmed for the year for six issues, the price is \$289 per issue. If quarterly, the price is \$434.

Commissioner Nelson suggested making full-page flyers for pilots to drop off at terminals.

The Commission would also like to update the Cable for Fun website regarding the airport features—length of runway, an airport car available, plug-in heaters and hangar sites available. Starting an airport website would be \$800. Facebook is free but does not get the computer traffic as other sites.

There have been hangar inquiries but no lease signers yet. One person asked if a smaller hangar could be built. The minimum size in the published information is 50' x 40' as a minimum size.

It was the consensus of the Commission to ask the applicant to submit a plan for the Commission to review and possibly approve.

### **Public Comments**

There were none.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Matt Messina was unable to attend the meeting. Dale will check with him on the CRSSA reimbursement.

#### **EA Update - Brad Volker**

Brad Volker was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **Hangar Expansion Update**

Brad did email Commissioners a final draft plan.

Commissioner Nelson contacted Norvado about internet service to the hangars. It is estimated that the cost to run cable to the hangars would be \$20,000. If 4 people in each development phase were to sign up for the service, Norvado would pay for the cable. Information on internet access will be sent to Commissioner Nelson from Norvado and he will forward it to all Commissioners.

### **Terminal Restoration**

Dean Hambrecht discussed changes of doors and windows with renovation. The ceilings will get sheetrock and will be sealed. He would like approval to order the rest of the windows and install them as they come in. The bulk of materials will come from Cable Lumber or Menard's depending on comparable prices. Decisions still need to be made on wall coverings for the two west rooms and bathroom, and the type of inside doors to use. Next year the focus will be on siding, soffits and facias.

Dean Hambrecht will be paid \$40/hour for his work on the renovation.

Jeff Hurula will be in charge of electrical repairs as the interior wiring is substandard. He will need funds for wire supplies.

Chair Rowe stated that the terminal work can be done in phases. The Commission can approve beginning the project and request monthly updates and invoices for supplies. There is \$8,000 in the budget this year for terminal renovation. The windows received already have cost \$1500.

Motion by Commissioner Thurn, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve expenditures up to \$5,000 to purchase supplies and materials for the terminal renovation, to employ Dean Hambrecht and authorize work hours on the renovation for Airport Manager Mike Nichols.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Thurn, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve an expenditure of up to \$1500 for electrical wiring materials to be purchased by Commissioner Jeff Hurula.

Motion carried.

## **Hangar Roof**

Dean Hambrecht will report on this item at the next meeting.

## **Airport Security**

As soon as the ground thaws, Commissioners Nelson and Rasmussen will install the gates, and boulders will be placed to shut off access points. Diggers Hotline will be called before digging holes for the gates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Infrastructure Grants**

Commissioner Nelson noted that there is a five-year grant program for airport terminal projects. The Cable Union Airport would qualify, but there needs to be 10 based airplanes.

Applications open in February and are due in March. Specific documentation and engineering drawings are needed. It was the consensus of the Commission for Commissioner Nelson to contact Becher Hoppe to help apply for a grant that fits with airport plans. Ten based planes are required. The next snapshot of qualification is December 2023.

### **Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum**

A letter from the Cable/Namakagon History Museum was sent to thank the Commission for the items listed on loan from the airport for a museum exhibit.

It was suggested that the Airport Commission hold its next meeting at the museum.

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

Plan Hamburger Fly-in on June 21, 2022

Terminal Restoration

Grants

Security

Hangar Roof

**20. Next Meeting Date: At Cable/Namakagon History Museum  
May 24 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment:**

Chair Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.