

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT  
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 – 4:30 PM  
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

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

**Attendance:** Chairman Doug Rowe, Commissioners Ray Ebert, Jeff Hurula, Kelly Nelson, Bob Rasmussen, Sue Thurn; Treasurer Dale Kruse; Secretary Holly Holly. Airport Manager Mike Nichols was absent.

**Guests**

Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Angela Brooks, Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League Program Manager

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Ebert, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2023**

Motion by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Ebert, to approve the May 23, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report 5/1/23-5/30/23**

Expenditures were \$1,419.32. Receipts were \$474.18 from three fuel sales. Current balance \$140,254.6.

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

**Manager's Report**

Chairman Rowe presented the manager's report in Mike's absence. There is a significant amount of brush needing to be removed and Mike believes a brush hog attachment for the tractor would be an effective tool for removing the brush now and maintaining the grounds in the future. A new brush hog is estimated to cost \$3,500, there is \$10,000 in the annual budget

for equipment. Commissioner Rasmussen is willing to loan his to the airport so it can be determined if it is the correct tool before one is purchased. He will deliver it this week.

Birkie Association began tree removal on Monday, June 26, 2023, and is expected to be completed within a week. Chairman Rowe suggested the trees and brush be piled for now and burned this winter. Commissioner Rasmussen currently has a bulldozer at the adjacent gun club property and would be willing to allow the airport use it for piling the trees and brush.

Wisconsin Hamburger Fly In was held on June 20, 2023. Five airplanes flew in and approximately 40 people attended. The commission was concerned with lack of participation, but contributing factors could have been significant haze from wildfires and heat. Commissioner Ebert also suggested additional advertising through the Chamber of Commerce may be helpful.

### **Public Comments**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update BOA – Matt Messina**

Advertisement has been placed for consultant services for hangar project. Mr. Messina is hopeful to have someone selected by end of July 2023.

### **EA Update/Hangar Expansion – Brad Volker**

No significant changes from last month as approval is still pending on the ALP insert, per Mr. Messina, so bidding can begin and he is hopefully it will be ready by end of the year. Mr. Volker suggested that someone from the Cable Airport Commission should communicate with Mr. Messina's office and possibly contact the FAA to expedite the process. Commissioner Ebert questioned if Congressman Tiffany's involvement may also be helpful; Mr. Volker does not think his involvement is warranted at this time. Chairman Rowe will contact Mr. Messina and let him know he is willing to reach out to the FAA if Mr. Messina feels it is advantageous.

Mr. Volker is intending to update the website in July and then schedule a second public information meeting.

Chairman Rowe, Commissioner Nelson, and Mr. Volker met key individuals from Resorts of the Northwoods LLC to open discussions regarding the compatibility of each entity's vision should they purchase the land bordering the airport to the South. The meeting was very positive.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Libby Hangar Update**

Commissioner Thurn reported that Chris Brinker can begin working on replacing the terminal windows and siding beginning July 10, 2023, after she verifies that he is insured. The budget for the entire project is \$8,000 and Chris has an hourly rate of \$45. Discussion regarding who is available to assist Chris in this project included his brother (\$45/hour), his adult son (\$10/hour), and Airport Manager, Mike Nichols (\$18/hour). The Commission prefers he work with Mike and Chris's son, if a third person is needed. Chris will also be allowed to store his tools in the terminal for the duration of the project. Commissioner Thurn will be sure Mike has Chris's phone number to coordinate work times.

### **Storage Building Update**

Entire commission has been working to complete the building project. Chairman Rowe thanked Commissioner Rasmussen for being instrumental in designing and organizing the project. The concrete was \$1,700 for a slab, foundation, and apron which was more than initially projected, but provided a better foundation. Completion is expected within the next several weeks.

### **Airport Ordinance**

Tabled until July 2023

### **Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League Parking Request**

Angela Brooks, Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League Program Manager, presented a request for utilizing the airport for parking on September 2-3, 2023. The league would provide parking attendants to avoid issues with getting too close to the runway. Chairman Rowe informed that the FAA recommends charging organizations for use of airport facilities and the commission has historically charged \$500 for parking, Angela agreed to this charge. Also, there have been runway incursions where the FAA became involved making it imperative that all parties be attentive in parking in appropriate locations. Angela will be sure parking attendants are on site as well as marking inaccessible areas with pink tape as it is familiar to league participants and used on the course for this same purpose. Christy Mackie, Birkie, will provide mowing. Angela will arrive Friday and will be on site all weekend. Mike Nichols will contact Angela to provide specific details. Commissioner Nelson also requested the league be sure the area is cleaned up after the race.

Motion by Commissioner Thurn to approve usage of airport for parking by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League on September 2-3, 2023, at a rate of \$500/day with the league responsible for mowing, directing traffic, and clean up. Seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chamber of Commerce Discussion**

Commissioner Ebert suggested joining the Cable Chamber of Commerce so advertising on their sign would be available for future events. Chairman Rowe will investigate details of joining and discuss further at the July meeting.

**Items for Next Agenda:**

Chamber of Commerce Discussion

Airport Ordinance

Libby Hangar Update

Storage Building Update

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 4:30 pm at the Cable Community Centre.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.