

MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

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DECEMBER 12, 2022

Present: Paul Hahle, Sue Sandberg, John Williams

Absent: Jerry Bybee, Susan Siems

City: Josh Boldt, Frank Ellenz, Dan Holm,

Guest: Carvel Nielsen

Sue convened the meeting at 6:05. Paul moved and John seconded a motion to approve the agenda; motion carried. Paul moved and John seconded a motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2022; motion carried. The financial report was reviewed. Noted expenses included repairs to the furnace, installation of Wi-Fi, and the last mowing expense of the year. Sue moved and John seconded a motion to approve the financial report; motion carried.

Josh explained that the design of the runway reconstruction will only be good for 3 years. He has asked to move construction to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He also predicts that the city match will be \$160,000.

John has talked to Shane Wright and an Iowa DOT representative about an AWOS system at the airport. There is no federal funding for this system which would cost approximately \$170,000. The state of Iowa feels we have enough AWOS systems nearby. It would cost \$200/month to maintain, and any breakage would be the local airport's responsibility.

The 3.6 acres of land that Mr. Oltmans wishes to purchase should have the final appraisal any day now, then the sale would need to be advertised.

John Beranek has left the south corporate hanger and still owes us rent money. Josh has contacted QC skydiving about renting the space. They probably would not leave their Geneseo home but would like to schedule 2 or 3 events for next summer in Maquoketa. John Eggers, who owns three ultra-lights, and another party are interested in renting the south hanger.

The runway lights have not been repaired. An emergency phone has not been installed. The t-hanger vent has been fixed twice. The gas price is \$6.20, which is a slight loss for us. Air Nav still has the price listed at \$6.89 and John is checking Fore Flight.

The north hanger still is hatching flies. Frank registered the airport last week.

The Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) would allow us to use \$115,000/year for structures. Thus, Josh has suggested that we allow \$220,000 in FY25 for terminal painting, lobby updates,

and \$220,000 in FY 27 for t-hanger updates. The expansion of the apron would go south of the B-Cap building to potential hanger spaces.

We are asking everyone, especially Josh, to seek out a group wishing to have a fly-in event.

John moved and Paul seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.; motion carried. Submitted by Sue Sandberg