

MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

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AUGUST 14, 2023

Present: Paul Hahle, Sue Sandberg, Susan Siems, John Williams

Absent: Jerry Bybee

City: Josh Boldt, Frank Ellenz

Guest: George Houston

Sue convened the meeting at 6:00p.m. Paul moved and John seconded a motion to approve the agenda; the motion carried. John moved and Paul seconded a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023; motion carried. Josh passed out the financial reports for July. Frank commented that an aircraft ran off the runway and took down two lights. The cost to repair them is \$443. We have had a record sale of av gas. The crop dusting planes, and Oshkosh flyers purchased \$22,227 worth of gas in July. They are still flying in August. After reviewing the reports, Paul moved, and Susan seconded a motion to approve the reports; the motion carried.

Casey rented the south corporate hanger for storage of crop-dusting materials. He will be done flying in one day. The helicopter has 3-4 days left of spraying.

Frank noted that he ordered 10,000 gallons of gas this month. 7,300 gallons have sold, leaving 2700 left. He will decide at the end of the week if he needs to order more fuel. The 5% discount on gas will end when the crop dusters are finished.

We are signing a lease with Metro Aviation, a medical and law enforcement helicopter flying service, for the corporate hanger building. They will do helicopter maintenance and possibly use the airport for a helicopter base for flying missions. Currently it is a month-to-month lease beginning in November. They also want a long-term lease. They may be in earlier to do some deep cleaning and begin some sprucing up of the facility. John Beranek was instrumental in acquiring this move.

The rent is \$442/side. The helicopters need Jet-A fuel. Discussion followed about the use of the small 3000-gallon tank.

The Sunshine sponsored fly-in happened on a cool and overcast day. They are considering having a BBQ for their next event.

Susan asked the city to spray the weeds in the concrete cracks. Frank said that is already done. Lights in her hanger and John's hanger are also out. They would like LED bulbs so they would last longer. The hose on the 100LL tank is hard to reel in. It is actually a hose for Jet A fuel. Can we swap hoses?

Meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m. Submitted by Sue Sandberg