



APPROVED MINUTES
IOWA COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING HELD
February 22nd, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Health & Human Services Building — Community Room
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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1	Meeting called to order by Chair Masters at 6:04 PM
2	Roll Call- Masters, Gander, Kruehl (left at 7:47PM), Nelson, Gust, Galle. Also Present: Highway Commissioner Hardy, Airport Manager Meyer, Greg Stern (Mead & Hunt), Daniel Minarcik (BOA), Mark Graczykowski (DOT), Dakota Carden, Brittney Boxrucker (Driftless Aero). Audience: Ryan Johnson, Bridget Schuchart, Chris Murphy. New Member Doug Gust Introduces himself.
3	A. Motion to approve the Agenda for this Thursday February 22, 2024, with a correction regarding the Health & Human Services building location to be 303 W Chapel Street not 22 N. Iowa Street as listed; and to move item #11F to #6 by Kruehl, 2nd by Gander. B. Motion to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2023, meeting by Kruehl, 2nd by Gander. Approved unanimously
4	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Chris Murphy from the audience shares a positive testimonial about Dakota and Driftless Aero LLC.
5	Consider Lease Agreement for County Owned Hangar — Hangar C Proposal from Driftless Aero LLC Dakota Carden. Dakota and Brittney start a presentation listing their backgrounds, experience, what they have to offer with a flight school being ran out of Hangar C. They note they already have an aircraft and have met with Pat Ripp to service it. They also talk about growth plans and how they can adapt to specialty training. Motion to approve Driftless Aero LLCs proposal to start a flight school in Hangar C by Gust, 2nd by Kruehl. Approved unanimously
6	Consider 2024 capital Projects Listing and the 2025-2029 Capital Plan. Hardy introduces Greg Stern (Mead & Hunt), Daniel Minarcik (BOA), Mark Graczykowski (DOT). Hardy starts by discussing the added zoning north of the airport and that a notice has been sent to those landowners. Minarcik states that the Master Plan is still moving along and will soon go to the FAA for review. Hardy goes on to note the need for more hangars and how that is reflected in the CIP funds and talks how that project is listed in the Capital Plan. Stern goes on to talk about the progression on the F1 taxiway and how the drainage basin will be built to accommodate the future taxiways/ramp and that this was approved by the DNR. No action was taken.
7	2023 Act 12 — Personal Property Tax Exemption Law and Private Property Ownership on Airport Grounds Leasing County Property and Property Tax Collection Discussion. Hardy begins to explain the changes to the private property ownership on the airport grounds. He says there are three options going forward and explains that filing a BFI Document for each account on the lease's lands will be the best and easiest option for all parties involved. Motion to move with option three by Gander, 2nd by Kruehl. Approved unanimously
8	Hangar Storage Compliance Notice- Meyer starts by reviewing a document to send out to all tenants about hangar compliance. He goes on to detail what can and can't be in a hangar and that some tenants are not complying with what the FAA deems appropriate and what is stated in the lease agreements. Motion to send out this notice to tenants by Kruehl, 2nd by Galle. Approved unanimously

9	Zoning — Discuss Options for Camping Events on the Airport Grounds during EAA Oshkosh week. Hardy starts by discussing that getting approved zooming for camping during EAA could bring in more aircraft. Meyer also states he had several calls last year about camping and agrees this should be looked at. The commission agrees and Hardy says he will move forward with the zoning.
10	Highway Commissioner's Report. A. 2023 EOY Revenue & Expense / Fund Balance Report- Hardy explains the EOY budget and how the county is reducing funds to help the airport become self-sufficient. He also states the airport grossed \$17,287.61 in 2023, and though fuel sales were down, profits were up. B. Airport Manager RFP Process-Hardy notes the request for proposal for the airport manager contract is open. C. Airport Layout Plan and Planning- As noted earlier the ALP is moving along and will go to the FAA next. D. Agricultural Land Lease Proposals — Gratz Brothers- The Ag lease expired at the end of 2023 and went up for bid in January. Jeremy Gratz was awarded the bid with an increase of \$15k over the last Land Lease.

11	Airport Manager's Report — Meyers' Fliers LLC - Reese Meyers. A. Management Agreement Termination Notice- Meyer starts by stating he had terminated his contract, and his last day will be March 28th. He goes on to thank the commission for the opportunity and support over the last year and a half. B. EOY 2023 Fuel Sales Report- Meyers begins by stating fuel sales were down in 2023 and notes EAA week had a significant role in this. He goes on to show that sales in the last quarter of 2023 are up as well as the first few months of 2024. C. Building and Equipment update — Keys, gate, tractor repairs- Meyer notes it has been a good winter so far and only two small repairs have needed to be done to the tractor. Everything is currently in working order. He also states that Capital Lock has replaced all county locks and padlocks around the grounds to conform with one master key. D. Septic System Project update. E. Broadband Fiber / Internet Update- Meyers states that the airport signed a year contract with Bug Tussel for Fiber Optic internet at the airport. Installation will be in the spring. F. Fl Taxiway and Drainage Basin Project Update- (Moved to agenda item 6)
12	Airport Commission Chair Report- Masters notes that the County Commission has full support of the Airport Commission. Hardy says that the Land Use Seminar is May 2 nd for anyone interested.
13	Adjournment and Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting: March 26 th at 6 PM. Motion to adjourn by Nelson, 2 nd by Gander. Meeting concluded at 7:48 PM
Minutes prepared by Reese Meyer; Meyers Fliers LLC	