



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
IOWA COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING HELD
Thursday September 2nd, 2021 – 3pm
Courthouse – Loft
222 N Iowa St
Dodgeville, WI

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1	Meeting called to order by Deal at 3pm
2	Roll Call – Christen, Storti, Masters, Meives, Meek, Deal. Also Present Highway Commissioner Hardy, Airport Manager Langbecker, BOA Holbrook, Taylor Kohls. Not Present Benish
3	Approve the meeting agenda for 8/31/21. Motion by Storti to amend the meeting agenda date to 9/2/21 and approve the agenda, second by Masters. Passes unanimously
4	Approve the minutes of the 3/24/21 meeting. Motion by Storti to amend the date of the minutes to 3/24/21 and approve the minutes, second by Masters. Passes unanimously
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken Masters inquires about a fence damaged fence post along HWY 39. Langbecker indicates he will investigate.
6	Review Airport 2022 Budget Request, Capital Projects, and ARPA funding Hardy reviews budget request for the airport for 2022. Hardy notes a 0% increase in tax levy for 2022. Hardy notes that the budget request for fuel purchasing was based on a 3 year rolling average and has increased due to increased sales. Hardy notes a \$49,000 transfer from the operating fund to the capital improvement fund. Hardy notes that 2022 will see capital improvement projects on runway 11/29, addition of septic systems, and water to airport hangars. Hardy notes that ARPA funding will be used to fund water/sewer projects at the airport.
7	Runway 11/29, lighting upgrade, and nav aids project federal discretionary grant funding notice and authorization to sign various agreements to secure funding. Hardy notes that the timing for our runway project was ideal. Funding will be 100% discretionary for the runway rehab (\$1.9 million) and that the airport will be responsible for a maximum of 5% of the nav aids (\$500k) and lighting (\$798K). Motion to approve on the signoff of approvals by Masters, second by Storti. Motion passes unanimously
8	Highway Commissioners Report; A. Airport July 2021 Revenue & Expense report – Hardy notes a strong year to date. Current airport revenue sits at \$189,766 and expenses total \$119,446 B. August 10th storm damage – Hardy notes that a storm that came through the area on August 10th knocked out three cameras and some additional components. Hardy notes that TC Networks resolved the issue on 8/18. Masters inquired how long the three cameras were not functioning. Hardy notes that they were down from the 10th to the 18th. C. Project Updates Lower Taxiway, Runway 11/29, Lighting, Nav aids, and Airport Layout Plan - Hardy indicates that work on the lower apron project is set to begin on September 10th with the

	projected end date of October 14th. Hardy notes the difficulty in securing supplies for the project due to the on-going shortage of semi drivers. Langbecker notes tenants will be informed and those that are interested in moving their aircraft for the duration of the project will be accommodated. Hardy refers to prior discussion about runway 11/29 and indicates an anticipated start to the project in spring 2022. Mead and Hunt are still working on the ALP and the commission can expect an update at the next meeting. D. Request for Pickup Truck Vee Plow Replacement - \$10,000 from Operations Funding. Motion from Masters to approve replacement, second by Meeks. Motion passes unanimously.
9	Airport Manager's Update; A. EAA AirVenture Activity Powerpoint – Kohls presents an overview of the variety of aircraft that visited MRJ during Oshkosh AirVenture 2022. B. July Fuel Summary – Langbecker notes that July saw a 72% (3,699 gallons) year over year. Langbecker notes that with preliminary numbers from August the airport will have exceeded 2020's sales with three months left in the year. Langbecker also notes that 2021 is on track to be the best year in fuel sales that MRJ has seen. C. Hangar Updates – Langbecker notes that Alan Jewell has vacated hangar L and purchased an existing hangar on the field from Don Jones. Langbecker notes that L will be left open until the completion of the lower ramp project to allow tenants wishing to fly during the project access to a hangar. Upon completion of the project there is a commitment from Ryan Wubben to lease hangar L. D. Sign Replacement – Langbecker notes that the existing sign at MRJ was damaged during snow removal earlier in the year. Langbecker presents three options for direct replacement of the sign. Masters discusses the idea of using this opportunity to upgrade from the prior signage. Masters suggests LED with more information about the airport. Langbecker indicates he will do some investigating on the cost of upgrading the sign. E. PAPI repairs update – Langbecker notes that damage was done to the PAPI on runway 4. Langbecker notes that the pilot took responsibility and has paid out of pocket to repair the damage. Langbecker notes that parts arrived and repairs are completed. F. Marketing Plan – Langbecker presents the marketing plan for MRJ. Langbecker notes that Kohls is currently running social media accounts in accordance to the county social media policy. Langbecker mentions physical presence and engagement as being key to the continued growth in fuel sales. G. Open house date, time, and schedule of events. Langbecker is looking at organizing an open house in October. Communication with EAA, Medflight, and other local aviation organization is occurring to set a schedule of events.
10	Airport Chair Report – Deal thanks everyone involved in the operation of the airport and hopes to see it continue to grow and succeed. Deal asks Holbrook for an update. Holbrook notes that for ARPA funding a covid policy must be in place. Hardy notes that the airport is complying with county covid policies. Holbrook also notes that the current cost of building t-hangars is around \$225k per T.
11	Adjournment. Next meeting to be determined by the chair (late oct/early nov) Motion by Christen to adjourn at 4:07, second by Meek. Motion passes unanimously.
Minutes prepared by Adam Langbecker; Gone Flyin Aviation	