

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
HELD ON APRIL 14, 2008, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE AIRPORT A/D BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Jeff Dotseth, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.. The members present included Jack Edmonds, Duane Kruse, Gene Stoeckel and Joe Glenn; Staff and Liaisons Present: City Administrator/Airport Manager Mark Karnowski, Airport Engineer Joel Dresel, Sherburne County Commissioner John Riebel, City Council Member/liaison Dick Dobson. Visitors included: Brian Lawrence and Jim Oliver (Baldwin Township Board Mmbrs).

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Karnowski suggested that the Board discuss the disposition of old Airport A/D building guest registry. The Board advised that they could be stored in a 3-ring binder or, time allowing, entered into a computer database. Dresel advised that the information could be useful to demonstrate the usage of the airport to other officials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

EDMONDS MOVED, SECONDED BY KRUSE, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 MINUTES OF AAB AS PRESENTED (THERE WAS NO MARCH MEETING). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

Airport Access Issues

The Board reviewed a memo from the Airport Manager advising that, as of April 3rd, Kruse's attorney had not yet responded to the city's latest offer.

Kruse advised that his attorney was waiting for the city's explanation of how the city came up with the offered price. Karnowski advised that he'd contact the City Attorney and have him pass that information onto Kruse's attorney.

Karnowski noted that, until the ALP revisions are approved, that the city will not receive reimbursement for its purchase of the Westling hangar and, without that reimbursement, the money to actually close on the Kruse deal would be difficult to find. Karnowski went on to advise that the city had closed on the purchase of the Christenson hangars but that the proposed developer of the apartment development east of the old airport notified the city last week that he was unable to secure secondary financing – so the deal was “dead”. Karnowski noted that the city was counting on the monies generated by the TIF designated for that project and, with the deal no longer alive, that meant that funding to reimburse the city for the Christenson hangar was suspended as well. That made it tougher yet to close the deal on the Kruse hangar.

Karnowski expressed his further concern that if MnDOT delayed approval of the ALP sheets, that the city might lose some of the Entitlement funds as we've been notified that we need to use a portion of the funds within the standard 3-year window or they would be lost. Dresel advised that we may be able to use enough of the funding on projects that don't rely on the ALP approval.

Dresel further suggested that the MnDOT approval process may move ahead more quickly if reps from the AAB meet with Gene Scott's staff and review the proposal. By consensus, the board directed the Engineer to set up that meeting.

Wild Rose Plat Update

The Board reviewed a memo from the Airport Manager advising that the city's attempts to discuss the proposed development on property located at the end of the proposed cross-wind runway with Baldwin Township and/or the developer have not been going well. The memo suggested that the City Attorney was looking at calling for a closed City Council meeting to discuss the alternative approaches. Karnowski advised that the options being considered may turn out to be fairly expensive.

Baldwin Township Chair, Brian Lawrence took exception to the memo and indicated that there had been no discussion between the city and the township since a meeting earlier this year at the Sherburne County Government Center. Lawrence indicated that he would welcome an opportunity to meet further with the city and discuss that issue.

Karnowski advised that he'd contact the City's Community Development Director and advise that Baldwin was interested in meeting further on the issue. Dotseth noted that the developer should be invited as well. Commissioner Edmonds indicated that he too would like to attend. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled before the May 13th meeting of the AAB.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Cook Property

The members reviewed a memo advising that the owner of the Cook property had informally approached the city to see if we are interested in acquiring their land on the west, southwest side of the airport. A portion of the property includes land that we would either need to purchase or get an easement on for the cross-wind runway.

The memo included an email from Engineer Dresel who advised that if the City has the chance to get it, and have the money to 'float' the deal, that the city should do it.

The consensus of the AAB was that the current priority was acquiring the the Kruse property and dealing with the north end hangars. But that, if it is possible to secure the area(s) need for the cross-wind runway that the city attempt to secure that portion of the land. No formal action was taken.

E.A.A. REPORT: Kruse reported that the hangar dance was not well attended. They are taking a road trip to Miller Welders in St. Cloud to see the work they do on airplanes. In June they're traveling to Becker to visit the business that makes "power parachutes".

MANAGERS REPORT:

Fuel Sales – The group reviewed the report (through March) and Glenn commented that the reason the gas sales were up was probably because our price is currently lower than other locations. Karnowski advised that the city sets it price based on what we paid rather than try to keep up with the "going rate" Even if the price is higher than other locations, the gas is sold as a convenience to the users of the airport – so we don't chase the competition's prices. Dresel indicated that was a common practice amongst most airports.

MISCELLANEOUS: - Kruse asked if the plow truck the city is anticipating to purchase was going to be purchased with airport funds. Karnowski advised that it was a city expense, not an airport expense – but that doesn't mean the truck wouldn't be used at the airport. The next question was whether the city was paid for keeping the runway plowed. Karnowski advised that

the city received an annual payment from MnDOT Aeronautics to maintain the airport but that the monies received do not cover the expense of the city to maintain the airport.

ADJOURNMENT:

STOEKEL MOVED, SECONDED BY KRUSE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski, Airport Mngr.

ATTEST:

Jeff Dotseth, Chairperson