

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON
JUNE 11, 2007, 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jack Edmonds called the meeting to order at 5:30. Other Airport Advisory Board members present included, John Mezera, Jeff Dotseth, and Duane Kruse. Member Gene Stoeckel and Council liaison Dick Dobson had both called and were absent. Staff present was Mark Karnowski and City Engineer Joel Dresel. Also present was Sherburne County Commissioner John Rieble, Richard Anderson, Alden Oswald and Joe Glenn.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DOTSETH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED. MEZERA SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2007

MEZERA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2007 MEETING AS WRITTEN. DOTSETH SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates

1, T-Hangar

Karnowski advised that, looking out the window to the south, the steel frame of the T-Hangars was up. Kruse asked if the city knew how many units had be spoken for as he understood that the selling price for each was \$39,000.

2. Airport Access Issues

Karnowski noted that there had been a meeting just prior to the AAB meeting that afternoon during which Duane Kruse clarified that he was still interested in retaining his existing building and constructing an 80' x 80' hangar to lease to North Ambulance and that they were not interested in selling both the land and the building to the city. Karnowski advised that the city's goal was to keep North Ambulance at the Princeton Airport and that it made no difference if North was stationed at Kruse's or some future owner of the Westling/Matz hangar site.

Karnowski went on to advise the AAB that Jay Blake, the city's Community Development Director was in the process of setting up a TIF district that would provide funds for the buyout and/or relocation of the old hangar buildings. Further, the city was moving electrical facilities in order to make a couple of hangar lots available at the main airport. Those lots, in addition to a couple of others now deemed buildable should give the city sufficient locations for the current old airport hangar owners to use for relocation. There was some question about whether the old hangars, once moved, would have to be brought up to current building code.

3. Airport Layout Plan

Dresel noted that he's putting together a contract to move forward with the amendment to the ALP for Council consideration. There was discussion about the recent meeting between City Staff and representatives from Sherburne County on the application for an EDA grant to develop an industrial park southwest of the airport. During that discussion,

according to Karnowski, it was noted that the main airport runway will probably be extended further south which would mean that the east-west access road to the industrial park will need to move as well. Dresel noted that he's including the land between the Matz/Westling hangar and Kruse's as future airport land. That doesn't mean the city couldn't develop it as industrial if they chose.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Issues

There was discussion about various issues that were raised at the legislature this year. Dresel explained the following:

1. No legislation was introduced to repeal repayment of \$15,000,000 that was taken from the State Airports Fund to balance the budget in 2003, thus, the \$15,000,000 will transfer will occur on July 1, 2007.
2. A "lights on" transportation bill was passed which provides an additional \$6,000,000 per year appropriation to the MN DOT Office of Aeronautics above the base line budget.
3. There was a \$200,000 allocation for an airports funding advisory task force which passed, but another bill that included the description the duties and responsibilities of the task force didn't pass. That means there's a \$200,000 appropriation that now cannot be used for the intended purpose.
4. A bill authorizing/enabling the establishment of Airport Authorities legislation was passed by both Houses as part of the omnibus tax bill which was then vetoed by the Governor.

6. EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT (E.A.A.)

Kruse noted that they had a plane in the Rum River Festival Parade and gave rides (about 85) at the Lion's Fly-in Pancake Breakfast. There's a Chili Feed this Saturday at 1 P.M.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT (Fuel Report)

Fuel sales were, again, below that of the past few years for May.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

It was reported that former AAB member Ken Haugen was feeling well and was doing well.

It was noted that several former board members got agendas this time and that the mailing list should be reviewed and corrected.

Karnowski also noted that he found out that a party in St. Cloud was willing to donate an old Saturn vehicle for use as an Airport Courtesy Car and that the Council supported that idea. The AAB also agreed to pursue getting the car. There were several ideas about how to secure it's use. Karnowski will check with other airports that have a courtesy car and come back with ideas. It was also suggested that, perhaps, in exchange for maintenance, one of the local auto service stations might want to put a sign on the car.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, DOTSETH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:05 P.M. MEZERA SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator/Airport Mngr.