

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2009, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE AIRPORT A/D BUILDING**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Gene Stoeckel, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.. The other members present included Duane Kruse, Joe Glenn and Jack Edmonds. Others present: City Council Member/liaison Dick Dobson, City Administrator/Airport Manager Mark Karnowski, Airport Engineer Joel Dresel, Sherburne Co. Comm. John Reibel, City Engineer Mike Nielson and Richard Anderson. Members Absent: Jeff Dotseth.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS** - none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was noted that the minutes needed to be corrected to reflect that the motion to adjourn was made by Dotseth and seconded by Edmonds.

EDMONDS MOVED, SECONDED BY KRUSE, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12, 2009 MINUTES OF AAB AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. 2009 CIP Project Discussion**

Engineer Dresel explained to the membership that there are issues with the Federal Entitlement Funds. There are currently 5 projects for 2009 on our CIP. He's proposing that we consider a project to be ready to go sometime after July 1<sup>st</sup> (an August award) when we have a better picture of where the Federal Funding will be.

Karnowski advised that he had a meeting with Congressman Oberstar on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> and would ask him what the level would be and when it would be available.

Dresel's confident that there will be money, it's just not certain when the money will be available. He suggested a sealcoating of the runway similar to the system used at Flying Cloud.

Richard Anderson asked about crack filling first. Dresel noted that they'd check to see what was necessary prior to sealcoating.

Karnowski asked about the status of the requested mowers for the airport. Dresel said that our CIP anticipated that to be paid, in part, by the state. Further, that the state legislature drained that account when balancing the state's budget last year...so there won't be funding available for some time.

**B. ALP Update**

Dresel reported that both the State and the FAA are very apologetic, but it's still not done and we don't know when it will be approved.

**C. Airport Courtesy Car Update**

Karnowski reported that, contrary to the info on the agenda, the city now has title to the car. He was informed that there's a coolant leak that needs to be repaired. The Public Works Department may be able to do the repair if there's no real rush. Otherwise, he has a quote from a local

body shop for a few hundred dollars. It was agreed that the repair could wait until staff could get to it. If not, the EAA would do the work.  
Staff was directed to send a “Thank You” card from the AAB and City to the donor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Proposed Extension of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.**

City Engineer Mike Nielson advised that the City Council’s 2009 priorities include completing 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue south into the industrial park. In order to accomplish that, the city will need to acquire some land and/or ROW from the Airport (and some private parties). He presented a map of the three (3) parcels in play. He suggested that parcel #2 be obtained in fee from the airport via a trade for land on the southwest edge of the airport.

Nielson advised that the construction across parcel #3 could impact the construction of a future cross-wind runway.

Parcel #3 is currently owned by John Westling and the city is contemplating some sort of trade.

Nielson noted that an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) will be necessary for the project and suggested that there may be some economies if the same EAW was done for both the road and the cross-wind runway.

Engineer Dresel suggested there were a couple of issues. He continues to feel that a cross-wind runway and road are compatible so long as the road has no ditches, curbs, light poles, etc. There is nothing in the FAA rules that would prohibit it. He noted that the cross-wind runway may take a full blown Environment Impact Statement (EIS) anyway and that an EAW may not be sufficient.

Nielson said he’d be ordering a title search for the three parcels.

Nielson asked if the group anticipated that the airport would need sewer or water services. If so, that could be an eligible FAA grant expense.

Dresel said that only the service line, not the main, would be an eligible expense.

Dotseth asked if the EAW would work for both the cross-wind and the road. If so, it would be a good thing to help leverage the Council toward building the cross-wind.

There was no opposition voiced at that point in the meeting, but under “Miscellaneous”, Kruse stated that he doesn’t like the concept of the road and the possible impact on the cross-wind.

Dotseth said he’d support it only if it includes a commitment from the City Council to move forward with the cross-wind runway. Otherwise, he’s opposed.

Councilman Dobson noted that the previous meetings between the Council and AAB indicated support for both the cross-wind and the road.

No official action was taken.

**E.A.A. REPORT:** Kruse noted that their monthly meeting is the second Tuesday of the month. He said the EAA would appreciate a Thank-You note for working on the courtesy car.

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

**A. Fuel Sales** – The fuel sales information was not available at the meeting.

**B. Airport Manager Newsletter** – The meeting packet did include a copy of the first Airport Manager Newsletter from MnDOT Aeronautics. The members indicated they liked reading it.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

(note discussion under the 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue discussion).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

EDMONDS MOVED, SECONDED BY KRUSE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski, Airport Mngr.

ATTEST:

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Gene Stoeckel, Chair