

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gene Stoeckel, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The other members present included Jack Edmonds, Jeff Dotseth and Duane Kruse. Member absent: Joe Glenn (called). Others present: City Council Member/liaison Dick Dobson, City Administrator/Airport Manager Mark Karnowski, Airport Engineer Joel Dresel, Richard Anderson and Alden Osvold

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

EDMONDS MOVED, SECONDED BY KRUSE, TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 31, 2009 MINUTES OF AAB AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Pilot Meeting Results

The Board reviewed a memo outlining some of the comments heard during the pilots meeting held on August 31st. Comments included the suggestion that the city assign street addresses for the hangars to assist emergency personnel in locating a specific hangar, should the need arise. Setting the extension of the main runway to 5000 feet appeared to be a priority over the construction of a crosswind runway. The users of the airport are happy maintenance is being done on the runway.

Kruse said he thought there was going to be a discussion regarding the proposed blacktopping between the hangar driveways to more easily facilitate snow removal. Dresel noted that he felt the purpose was more of a “meet and greet” affair and that the AAB could hold a special meeting and invite them back when we have more information on costs. He noted that he’ll add that project to the CIP consideration list. The FAA would only pay for doing the center 20’. The balance would have to be assessed or paid for in some other way.

B. September 17th CIP Meeting w/FAA & MnDOT

Engineer Dresel advised that he, Stoeckel, Edmond and Richard Anderson attended and discussed various issues with the FAA’s Gordon Nelson and MnDOT’s Gene Scott. Some of the issues discussed included this year’s Entitlement fund project (runway rehab). MnDOT indicated they need a resolution authorizing them to act as the city’s agent. Karnowski indicated that resolution is on the Council Meeting agenda for this Thursday.

The issues with the “In-Line Packaging” building land was broadly discussed. The FAA would like an update letter from the city. Scott seemed receptive to possible land swapping, etc. It was noted that, after this year’s entitlement project, the city will have about \$182,000 in the account with a possible extra \$150,000 if congress passes a continuing resolution for the funding. Stoeckel noted that he felt the FAA wanted those funds to address the issues with the

Kruse “through-the-fence” operations. The board questioned the status of those negotiations and Karnowski said he’d prod the city attorney to move forward, if possible.

Discussion about the current CIP focused in on the city’s proposal to put a north/south road through the RPZ. The FAA continues to have issues with the compatibility of the X-wind Runway and the proposed road. Dresel suggested that a “justification” report be done in advance of the X-Wind Environmental Assessment. Dresel felt such a report would substantiate the justification for a X-Wind runway. It was noted that, according to the CIP, the total cost for a grass strip X-wind runway will be about \$2.6 million and that it could never be funded using entitlement funds and would require a federal grant.

They also discussed the proposed main runway extension to 5,000’. While it’s not yet on the CIP, the FAA was impressed that it’s in the city’s comp plan.

The planning sheets for the 2010 CIP are due by December 31, 2009

C. Grant Updates

Dresel said they’re looking at starting the main runway rehab project on or about October 19th. It will take about 10 working days with good weather to complete. They will contact the pilots well in advance and issue update NOTAMs in a timely fashion.

The concrete bases for the improved lighting improvements will be done during the same timeframe with the actual lighting being added when it arrives.

Richard Anderson asked about the existing problems with the runway lights being on all the time. Dresel said the lighting firm agreed to “look at it” and see if they can figure out what the problem is. The suspect it’s the controller, which would be a fairly easy fix.

Regarding the mower deck grant, neither Dresel nor Karnowski had a recent update. Karnowski will check on the status with MnDOT.

D. American Wings Air Museum

Karnowski advised that there’s a meeting between that group and the city set up for Wednesday, October 21st at 1:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

E.A.A. REPORT: Kruse and Osvold reported that the EAA is having a BBQ at Kruses on the 14th...otherwise, nothing new to report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

A. Fuel Sales – Karnowski distributed the fuel sales reports for September. Sales are still down

MISCELLANEOUS: - None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the following motion was offered:

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MOVED BY EDMONDS, SECONDED BY KRUSE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski, Airport Mngr.

ATTEST:

Gene Stoeckel, Chair