

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
HELD ON APRIL 9, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE AIRPORT A/D BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Edmonds, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Other members present: Jeff Dotseth, John Mezera, Duane Kruse; Gene Stoeckel; Staff Present Airport Engineer Joel Dresel, City Administrator/Airport Manager Mark Karnowski and City Council Member/liaison Dick Dobson. Visitors included: Joe Glenn (of Glenn Metal Craft). Absent: Sherburne Co. Commissioner John Reible

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DOTSETH MOVED, SECONDED BY MEZERA TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 12, 2007 MINUTES OF AAB AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. T-Hangar Update

Karnowski advised that plans are moving forward for spring construction.

B. Airport Access Issue

1. Kruse Property

The Board reviewed a memo advising that Kruse asked to be on the Board's agenda to discuss his plans to erect an 80' x 80' hangar north of his existing building to provide additional space for a second helicopter for North Memorial.

Karnowski advised that expanding Kruse's use would not help our attempt to address the FAA's airport access issue. He suggested that the city may be able to purchase the land under Kruse's building and then lease the land back to Kruse along with additional space for the new hangar.

Kruse advised that he understood the problem but asked to be on the agenda to get the process on the front burner. He indicated he'd prefer that the city buy him out totally and then lease the space to North.

Dressel suggested that, perhaps, the city should purchase an option to demonstrate that we were serious about solving the problem.

Dobson suggested we contact the FAA's Gordon Nelson and ask what they would prefer.

Dresel said that, instead, we should come up with a solution that both the City and Kruse can agree to and then advise the FAA rather than have them interject prior to a solution being agreed to.

DOTSETH MOVED, SECONDED BY EDMONDS DIRECTING THE AIRPORT MANAGER TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING A DEAL WITH KRUSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND, IF A TENTATIVE DEAL IS REACHED, CALL A SPECIAL MEETING TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THAT PROPOSAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Old Hangar Area

Karnowski advised that the City Community Development Director, Jay Blake, was working on setting up a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) for that area in an effort to generate some cash to be used to buy out the property owners.

C. Airport Layout Plan (ALP)

Dresel provided a memo relating to the proposed revision of the ALP and stressed that the primary reason to move forward would be to address the “through the fence” problems and the need for additional hangar development areas.

DOTSETH MOVED, SECONDED BY STOEKEL DIRECTING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE A SCOPE AND COST ESTIMATE TO MODIFY THE ALP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS: - Dresel gave an update on legislative issues. He said that, for now, the annual entitlement funds from the FAA (\$150,000) is officially “gone” but that he thinks Oberstar and others will get it back on track – maybe not this year, but probably by next year.

Dobson noted that the Council was looking for a “strong message” from the AAB on the Crosswind Runway and the main runway extension. It was agreed that a joint meeting to discuss the current issues would be helpful. Karnowski will work to arrange one. Joe Glenn noted that the City’s long-term commercial development growth plans impact the airport.

E.A.A. REPORT

Kruse noted that the EAA was meeting on the 10th and was going to discuss “companion flying” or what a non-pilot would do if the pilot, for instance, had a heart attack. They’re also planning a Chili Feed with the Young Eagles and do some free rides. He noted that they have about 15-20 members in their Chapter 1360. Karnowski suggested that he do a news story in an upcoming issue of the city newsletter.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Fuel Sales – The Board reviewed the fuel sale report with no action requested or taken.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

MEZERA MOVED, SECONDED BY STOEKEL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski, Airport Manager

ATTEST:

Jack Edmonds, Chairperson