

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
HELD ON JUNE 6, 2011, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE AIRPORT A/D BUILDING**

***Note:** Due to the later than advertised start of the meeting, an informal strategizing session regarding the "through the fence" concerns of the local FAA official were undertaken. A synopsis of that discussion is outlined within the minutes.*

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Gene Stoeckel, called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. Other members present included Joe Glenn and Jack Edmonds. Members absent were Duane Kruse and Jeff Dotseth (called). Others present: Airport Engineer Joel Dresel, City Administrator/Airport Manager Mark Karnowski, Larry Handshoe (Baldwin Township and Sharon Sandberg.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GLENN MOVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY EDMONDS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Repair Projects - Karnowski reviewed a memo regarding various improvements discussed at the May meeting. It was noted that the fence repair had occurred and the Public Works staff hauled away the old fence and agreed to stain the new fence this summer when the summer help is on board.

Karnowski also advised that the Public Works Director had inspected the cracks in the hangar area taxiways and advised that the city staff did not have the right materials to do the work such that it would last. There were some potholes in the taxiway that staff did fill. Additional repair will be made to repair any damage done to the hangar area asphalt as the result of winter plowing.

Dresel suggested that there was a firm that, in his opinion, could probably do a patch job on the tie down area and the taxiway for about \$10,000. He noted that a 50% MnDOT grant might be available to the city. Karnowski advised that, with City Financing being what it is, the city may not be able to find the \$5,000 for the local match.

Dresel will get a firm estimate for the tie down area only and get back to the board with the number.

B. Through The Fence Update - The informal discussion of this topic took place before the meeting had a quorum and was called to order.

Dresel advised that he'd had a discussion with the FAA's Gordon Nelson regarding the reported FAA's revised rules on commercial through-the-fence operations. Nelson advised Dresel that, in his opinion, the FAA's new rules are an "interim" position and may be subject to change. It is Dresel's opinion that, while Nelson agrees that the city is working hard toward a solution, that Nelson will not waive his original requirements regarding the Kruse/Sandberg property.

Those participating in the informal discussion cited a few options. It was deemed thought-worthy to "go over" Nelson's head and consider contacting Congressman Chip Cravaack and ask for some Congressional assistance. It was also noted that former State Senator Lisa Fobbe is now a staff member for Senator Al Franken and that, because of her previous involvement in Princeton, may be willing to assist from a Federal level as well. The last option would be to go to Nelson's boss, Minneapolis Airports District Office Manager Steve Obenauer (612-713-4355).

All of those options also run the risk of “winning the battle” but losing the larger “war” of incurring long term unfavorable treatment from Nelson.

Sharon Sandberg will make the contacts with both Franken and Cravaack’s office. The city will not take a lead in the pursuit of political influence to address the issue.

C. Powershutes -Chairman Stoeckel asked about the powershute problems at the airport and Dresel apologized for forgetting to check with the Brainerd airport (who also had a similar problem) and see what might be done to address the issue of the powershutes haphazard use of the Princeton Airport air space.

NEW BUSINESS: None

E.A.A. REPORT: Sharon Sandberg reported that the E.A.A. will be giving free airplane rides to kids the Saturday of the Rum River Festival as part of the National Young Eagles celebration. They will also be in the Rum River Festival parade.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Fuel Sales – The May fuel sales report was included in the meeting packet. There was no comment.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dresel advised that the Air Space evaluation for the recently completed Cunningham Hangar was approved by the FAA/MnDOT.

The Board also agreed to move the July AAB meeting to Tuesday, July 5th beginning at 5:30 to avoid a conflict with the 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT:

EDMONDS MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GLENN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Admin/Airport Mgr.

ATTEST:

Gene Stoeckel, Chair