

Pella Airport Committee Meeting – April 30, 2021

Members Present: Rick Gritters, Tom Vander Linden, Eric Recker, Ted Zylstra, Matt Hutchinson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Shane Vande Voort, David Corbin

Approval of Minutes: Previous minutes reviewed and amended as requested.

Motion: Brought by Tom Vander Linden to approve amended minutes, supported by Rick Gritters, motion passed unanimously.

Update: Jeff Bollard has been appointed to the committee as a new member, but was not able to attend.

Regional Airport Update:

With the departure of both committee members Pinney and Barnes, we no longer have an active member of the regional airport committee to give an update.

Shane Vande Voort provided information that regional airport is in the process establishing value on the remain parcels of land to begin negotiations, and that information is being provided to the Iowa Supreme Court to determine a final ruling on the 28-E lawsuit.

Airport Managers report to the committee: By Shane Vande Voort

Cub Cadet mower has a bad hydraulic motor, which is beyond economic repair. A special emergency request has been made for a replacement to ensure the airport has two working mowers throughout the season. Denny Buyert is working on that request.

A new pickup has been approved by the city, with an anticipated delivery for September, which will be helpful going into the fall and winter season

Flight instructing is busy, adding a full-time and part-time summer position.

Shop is busy, transient traffic and fuel sales are picking up.

AWOS is still failing.

Signage still needed for automatic gate. Shane will investigate with Denny and determine if multiple quotes are needed to acquire.

A new updated storm water prevention plan was required. Garden and Associates created new plan based on previous plan, so a good price was negotiated.

With the completion of the new corporate hangar, congestion will become an even bigger issue on the south ramp. An additional 75' would alleviate the traffic issues.

Tulip Time Flight Breakfast:

Discussion on planning and responsibilities for May 8th Flight breakfast were discussed.

New Business:

Follow-up discussion on AIP requests on AWOS, and pending capital requests. Additional investigation into COVID relief funding is requested as funds are released.

Introduction of new Regional Airport Committee member:

David Corbin has been appointed to the regional airport committee and chose to attend our meeting to get some historical perspective on the current situation, as he tries to make the best decisions in regard to the aviation needs of the city and region.

We appreciate his interest, and openly invite any other committee or council members to attend our meetings to understand the needs of the existing airport, or what would be required during the transition to ensure things flow smoothly.

Final Comments:

Tom Vander Linden will be resigning as he is moving to Fairfield, we will be working through this transition as a committee and establishing new leadership moving forward for the Pella Airport Committee.

Adjourn: Motion by Tom Vander Linden, support by Ted Zylstra, passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting will take place on June 25, 2021