

Pella Airport Committee Meeting – June 25, 2021

Members Present: Rick Gritters, Ted Zylstra, Eric Recker, Matt Hutchinson, Jeff Bollard

Members Absent: Tom Vander Linden

Others Present: Shane Vande Voort, Denny Buyert

Gritters acting as chair

Approval of Minutes: April 30, 2021 minutes reviewed.

Motion to approve Zylstra, Support Recker Motion passed unanimously

Welcome Jeff Bollard was welcomed as a new member to the airport committee

Election of New Airport Committee Chair: Tom Vander Linden has announced that he will be resigning from the airport committee so we need to elect a new chair person. Motion was made by Zylstra to nominate Matt Hutchinson – Support Gritters. Motion passed unanimously

With Hutchinson being elected chair – need to fill the secretary position. Motion was made by Zylstra to nominate Eric Recker – Support Gritters. Recker reported that his schedule would make it difficult to do this at least the next 6 months. Friendly amendment was made to have Bollard and Recker share this position with Bollard taking responsibility until the first of the year and then working it out after that. Motion with amendment passed unanimously.

Regional Airport Update: With recent resignations we no longer have a representative from the Airport Committee on the Regional Airport Committee. We will pursue one of the Pella representatives to the Regional Airport Committee filling one of our vacancies or at least have one of them attend are meetings to give a report. Also, we will request written reports from Mike Nardini.

Airport Managers report to the committee-Shane Vande Voort:

Equipment Update: All mowing equipment is working well with the exception of the Cub Cadet mower that needs to be replaced.

FBO operations: The shop continues to be busy with 7 full-time mechanics between the two locations (normally 4 at PEA). We currently have four full-time flight instructors. We are training a number of new line service employees.

Project Updates: The AWOS continues to be unreliable, especially the wind speed. Operators will need to be aware that the new AWOS construction window will be 30 days and there may be a delay for certification after that.

Hangar and ramp space: As stated before we are still short on ramp space, hangar space and all weather tiedowns. The construction of an additional corporate hangar will increase congestion

on the corporate ramp. With the construction of the new corporate hangar have lost at least 2 transient aircraft parking spots. We are excited about the new hangar construction and the coming insulation and heating of the storage hangar.

Parking Lot Capacity Concerns: The additional gravel parking is helping and we are having fewer days when the lot is completely full.

Annual Flight Breakfast: We felt the breakfast was a success with about 50% of a record airplane crowd and 60-70% of a record people crowd. We, of course, recommend continuing the event next year.

Motion by Zylstra to continue Annual Flight Breakfast for Tulip Time 2022 coordinated with Methodist Church. Second by Gritters

Adjourn: Motion by Zylstra

Support by Bollard

Passed unanimously

Next regular meeting will take place on August 27, 2021 7am