

Present: Michael Palm (Baraboo), John Webb (Village of Lake Delton)

Absent: none

Also Present: Cheryl Giese, Ed Geick (Baraboo), Kim Kaarto (Bureau of Aeronautics), Mark Graczykowski (MSA), Mike Hinz

Citizens Present: Bill Murphy, press

The owner representatives met at the City of Baraboo City Hall.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Webb, seconded by Palm and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Previous Minutes

Moved by Webb, seconded by Palm and carried to approve the minutes of November 4, 2016.

Report on Meeting with David Greene, Director of Bureau of Aeronautics

Cheryl reported on a meeting called by David Greene whereby the Bureau amended an eligibility statement concerning the widening project to allow State funding at 50/50 with the local owners. Their reasons for participating in the funding are due to flight safety, there only is one paved runway, the widening would improve the safety margin for aircraft in crosswind conditions, and the economic opportunity for combining the widening together with the reconstruction. The estimated contribution is \$375,000 based on current project estimates.

Consideration of Implications of Withdrawal by Town of Delton

Cheryl reported that the Town has filed recorded quit claim deeds removing themselves as an owner of all airport properties. The two owners are the airport are the City of Baraboo and the Village of Lake Delton, with equal 50% shares. Mayor Palm suggested that with the changes in ownership, the remaining owners should consider updates to the Intergovernmental Agreement, removing the exiting owners. It was agreed to take that up at a future meeting.

Consideration of Changing Name of Airport

The owners discussed changing the name of the airport to include "Regional" and would be known as the "Baraboo-Wisconsin Dells Regional Airport". Moved by Webb, seconded by Palm and carried unanimously to change the name of the airport as stated.

Presentation of Engineering Plans at 30% Complete

Engineers from MSA Professional Services presented design plans at 30% completion indicating that the estimate project cost for the reconstruction of existing footprint is \$2,450,000. Alternative 1 is the runway widening, papi and some pavement markings estimated at \$750,000. Alternative 2 is the runway lighting estimated at \$340,000. Alternative 3 is removing and replacing Runway 19 papi, estimated at \$110,000. The total estimated sponsor share is \$520,000. The 65% completed engineering plans are estimated to be ready in Mid-May.

Funding and Reconstruction Options for Runway, including Widening

The owners agreed to proceed with the reconstruction and widening of the runway as described in the 30% engineering plans, noting that the State is participating in 50% of the widening project.

WAMA Legislative Day

We have been invited to participate with WAMA for a Legislative Day, March 7, in Madison concerning aviation related issues. Mayor Palm stated he is planning to attend and President Webb stated he will relay the invitation at the Village.

Land Use Overlay Zoning Ordinance

The owners briefly discussed the need for a land use overlay zoning ordinance, stating that it is an issue they will work on in the next few months.

Other Matters

Mayor Palm reported on a discussion concerning updating the economic impact statement for the Airport as ours was issued in 2008 before the 200' runway extension. It was thought that a revised statement prior to the runway reconstruction project would give data between extensions and indicate growth in the airport activities.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled with the 65% engineering plans are completed, likely in May.

Cheryl Giese
City Clerk-Finance Director
Airport Manager
City of Baraboo