

Minutes of the Iowa County Airport Commission
January 23, 2012

1. Chairman Phil Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Iowa County Airport.
2. Roll Call – Present were Phil Mrozinski, Clinton Fruit, Arnie Christen, Bob Bunker, Jeremy Meek, Ryan Walmer, and Robert Pilling. There were none absent nor excused.

Mel Masters, Mark Sieling and Stosh Potocki were also present.
3. Certification of Open Meeting Law – Airport Manager, Kevin King, stated the meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.
4. Motion by Bob Bunker and seconded by Robert Pilling to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting. Phil Mrozinski, Arnie Christen, Bob Bunker, Ryan Walmer, and Robert Pilling voted yes. Jeremy Meek and Clinton Fruit abstained.
5. Motion by Arnie Christen and seconded by Jeremy Meek to approve the January 23, 2012 agenda. Unanimously approved.
6. At 6:03 PM, Chairman Phil Mrozinski announced the beginning of a public hearing in reference to Iowa County petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for future airport improvements. Airport Manager, Kevin King, stated that proper notice of the public hearing had been posted. Chairman Mrozinski read the following statement in advance of asking for public comments:

The County of Iowa is considering petitioning the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, for state and federal aid to undertake future airport improvements. The character, extent and kind of improvements desired under these improvements are as follows:

Construct hangars
Construct/replace/upgrade fueling system
Rehabilitate runway 11/29 and all related runway lighting
Expand ramp and relocate Taxiway B
Reconstruct lower ramp and construct new taxiway
Construct entrance road and parking lot for terminal area
Terminal building improvements
Construct snow removal equipment building
Land acquisition in runway approaches and for hangar area development

This would be for project years 2012 through 2020.

Airport Manager, Kevin King, then briefly explained some of the improvements and the priorities of each. He said if the 100 low lead fuel system was merely updated, the cost to the county would be about \$12,000, but if a completely new system was installed, the cost to the county would be about \$3000. Kevin stated the land acquisition entry was almost entirely because of the McVay property off the end of runway 22. He said, if the property became for sale, it would be beneficial to the airport not to have a residence so close to the approach end of runway 22.

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Mel Masters, Mark Sieling and Stosh Potocki attended the hearing and each spoke briefly.

Stosh Potocki asked if a hearing of this nature was held once every 10 years or more often. Kevin explained the procedure to him.

Stosh also said he thought he remembered, when runway 11/29 was first constructed, that there was a problem with the construction for which the cost of repair would be seven million dollars. He wondered why the cost of repairing that runway was now only about one million dollars. Kevin told him he was not aware of a problem with runway 11/29 nor of seven million dollars to repair it. None of the commission members were aware of that being the case.

Stosh said he understood the cost of the nested T hangars would be mostly paid for with entitlements but the rent from those hangars would be kept in the county. Kevin replied that he was correct.

Stosh told Kevin, and the airport commission, that he thought it was admirable that the cost to the county for operation of the airport has been reduced from \$160,000 to \$60,000. He also stated the cooperation of Linden township and the airport commission in implementing the Airport Land Use Plan was a factor in the airport being able to receive funding such as those being petitioned. He stated the Linden land use, township board and airport commission has worked together well. He requested the Linden township boards be "kept in the loop". The Commission assured him that they would keep Linden township informed and Kevin obtained updated email addresses in order to do so. Stosh said he appreciated that it was a well run airport.

Stosh asked if there were plans for another set of nested T Hangars. Kevin said plans have been made, but if and when they would be built would depend on the need.

Stosh expressed no opposition to the petition.

Mark Sieling requested to know if the plan was or was not to build or expand on the land acquisition. Kevin assured him the plan would be to tear down or move the residence and not to have another rebuilt.

Mark also asked if the airport had plans for the land north and west of the airport. Kevin told him the airport had no interest in it at this time.

Mark asked how long Kevin thought it would take to fill the nested T hangars. Kevin told him he could not be sure but likely at least half of them would be filled as soon as they were completed.

Mark expressed no opposition to the petition.

Mel Masters stated he was 100% in favor of the petition as long as it did not include anything for aerobatics. He said he could live with almost any air traffic as long as the noise was reasonably low. Mel asked if a price for rent of the nested T hangars has been set. Kevin told him it has not but believes it will be in the \$125 to

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\$150 range. Mel said he thought the rent might be able to be more than that. Kevin and Arnie Christen explained to him the size and shape of the T hangars was the reason the rent would likely be in that range.

Mel expressed no opposition to the petition as proposed.

There was no one present at the hearing who expressed opposition to the petition as proposed.

After asking if there were further comments from the public, and receiving none, Chairman Mrozinski closed the hearing at 6:30 PM.

7. Bob Bunker asked Kevin how he keeps the runways clear in weather such as we had in the last couple of days. Kevin told him that it was not always possible in which case he filed a notam letting pilots know the conditions of the runways. He said, in some cases, pilots will call to get the current conditions after seeing the notam. He said there was a Jet aircraft scheduled to come in on the 24th of January. He said he told them it would be best if they did not land at the airport until conditions improved.
8. There were no rezone requests and no action was taken.
9. The commission discussed petitioning the secretary of transportation for future airport improvements. A motion was made by Robert Pilling and seconded by Ryan Walmer to recommend approval of the petition and send it to the full county board for their consideration. Unanimously approved.
10. Kevin King reviewed the manager's report with the commission. Kevin said there was a problem because the Bureau of Aeronautics does not make entitlement funds available until late fall so the funding for the nested T hangars would not be available in time for the building schedule. He said the options were to borrow the money for a short time or to postpone building. The commission agreed that Kevin should pursue the options with the Bureau of Aeronautics and with the County Administrator and bring their input back to the commission.
11. A motion was made by Ryan Walmer and seconded by Jeremy Meek to adjourn at 6:52 PM. Unanimously approved.

No date was set for the next meeting.

Minutes by Clinton Fruit, Secretary