

Yates County Airport Council Minutes



Wednesday February 23, 2022 7:30 AM EST

Held at Seneca Flight Operations, Penn Yan Airport

CALL TO ORDER: 7:36 am by Doug M.

PRESENT: Rich Leppert (Seneca Flight), Doug Marchionda Sr (Penn Yan Flying Club), Bill Middlebrook by phone (Penn Yan Aero), Tim Dennis (At Large), Taylor Fitch (Marketing), Paul Middlebrook (Council Advisor), Allison Lia (Passero Associates), Leslie Church (Yates County Legislature Chair), Dick Harper (Yates County Legislature)

GUESTS: Howard Bozenhard (AOPA network of volunteers)

READ & ACCEPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted RL / TD 2nd

REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT: Will be available when books close.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

PASSERO REPORT:

1. 2020 (now 2021) State DOT funding proposal
 - Receiving award for fuel trucks but no update on formal release
2. 2019 Awarded State Grant Update (Airport standby Generator, aircraft deice system)
 - Generator ready to go out for bid.
 - Dick will send to Allison the list of contractors that the County sent out to for the radio tower generator quote.
 - Allison indicated that she has concern about the Buy American requirement becoming an issue with the deicing truck. Rich indicated the AAE conference (April 30th to May 1st) may have vendors that might be of help. We may need to involve Schumer. Leslie will investigate.
3. CARE emergency Funding, items already submitted and remaining funding
 - Current balances remaining
 - Cares: 38,128.87 Wind cone, hedgerow cleaning and \$9,965 of the security system submitted
 - CRSSA: 23,000.00 nothing submitted against this grant yet
 - ARPA: 18,129.00 Sewer district fees of 40,871 submitted
4. Progress on GPS approach for 10/28
 - No update
5. Sewer extension report
 - NYS DOT portion closed.
6. Five Year Plan
 - Paul M. mentioned that we need to look at future expansion needs for the airport.
 - Rich L. indicated a new facility had opened nearby that was built in conjunction with the associated County and their Economic Development Agency
7. Fence repair / relocation plans due to washout
 - Second quote received from Double M Fence with prevailing wage for \$11,000

SENECA FBO REPORT:

1. Fence Clearing / cutting / general condition
 - Tim D. questioned if fence clearing could be done using Cares or BIL funding. Alison to review.
2. Revenue, occupancy and condition of T hangars
 - T hangars are full.
3. Open house for Legislature **ON HOLD**
4. Electric charging station proposal from Beta Technologies
 - Still waiting on NYSEG. Leslie indicated that NYSEG is building a transformer substation near the Milo Town Highway Barns which should help this project.
5. Winter Operations
 - Broom brushes are on order

- Deice chemicals for runway were hit hard over the past month and will likely need to be reordered soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Surveillance System
 - Still waiting for weather to get better to finish project
2. Right Brothers Aviation
 - Nothing further has happened.
3. Fiber Network Storage area – Marian Walrath
 - Rich to get with Marian to see what County wants to do. We will need direction on if they will cover cost of security fencing and cameras.
4. Solar Home Project
 - Nothing additional at this time.
5. Heating in Precision Aviation Hangar
 - Rich proceeding with obtaining additional estimates (JRs, Halco, Hometowne, etc.).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 100 Low Lead: Rich L mentioned that there is a meeting today to discuss 100 Low Lead. NYS is pressuring to move to no lead following similar moves by California and Minnesota. This will be a huge impact to Penn Yan Aero as they are federally regulated to test engines on 100 Low Lead. Howard mentioned that AOPA is doing a national survey on the 100 Low Lead issue currently. This is going to be an issue we need to monitor closely.
2. ASOS Lease: The Flying Club is willing to renew the ASOS lease.

ANY COMMITTEE / OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

1. Equipment and Facilities Committee: update on equipment condition, needs and necessary maintenance around the Airport property: **PAUL, RICH**
2. Marketing Committee: **TAYLOR**

ADJOURNMENT: 9:44 am TD / 2nd DH