

Yates County Airport Council Minutes



Wednesday March 30, 2022 7:30 AM EST

Held at Seneca Flight Operations, Penn Yan Airport

CALL TO ORDER: 7:32 am by Rich L.

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

GUESTS: Howard Bozenhard (AOPA network of volunteers)

READ & ACCEPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted with one correction. (TD moved / BM 2nd)

REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted (TD moved / BM 2nd)

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

PASSERO REPORT:

1. 2020 (now 2022) State DOT funding proposal
 - formally received award notifications for fuel trucks
 - Rich L. to get specs and pricing on trucks and bring to April meeting
2. 2019 Awarded State Grant Update (Airport standby Generator, aircraft deice system)
 - Schuler Haas was awarded bid for generator
 - Lead time is 24 weeks.
 - County will need to let NYSEG know reference number is 301865998
 - No update on deicing
3. CARE emergency Funding and other Grants remaining funding and deadlines
 - Fence damage due to the storm was not included in FEMA so we will need other funding.
 - Will look at including Fence Repair in CARES grant.
 - Double M Fence was awarded bid for fence repairs and Scott is working on contract.
 - Council recommends putting balance of CARES funding towards fence maintenance
 - o Will need to look at temporary easements for Flying Club.
 - o Dick will check with D&L to see if they have a skid-steer with brush unit as well as other contractors.
 - FAA is asking for a plan for CARES, and we should include heating system, fence repair and fence maintenance.
 - Council asked Allison to provide update at April meeting as to what specifically ARPA funds are allowed to be used for.
4. Progress on GPS approach for 10/28
 - No update
5. Five Year Plan
6. Fence repair / relocation plans due to washout – see notes above under CARES

SENECA FBO REPORT:

1. Fence Clearing / cutting / general condition
 - Rich indicated we have the weed chemical and is recommended to apply in May when weeds are growing.
2. Revenue, occupancy and condition of T hangars
 - Still full.
3. Open house for Legislature – should a date be set?
 - No action taken
4. Winter Operations
 - Should have enough deicing chemicals for remainder of this winter.
 - Brushes are on order.

OLD BUSINESS (ALL):

1. Fence Repair from washout – see Passero report under CARES funding
2. Surveillance System
 - Rich will get with Coverts and see if they can install the balance of the cameras
3. Right Brothers Aviation – possible development
 - No updates
4. Fiber Network Storage area
 - Rich met with Marian Walrath via zoom. Storage area is preferred to be fenced and lit.
 - Rich is recommending the area off Kimball Road that was looked at previously for storage. There is a gate and power available. This area would keep trucks off the T hanger ramps which might not handle tractor trailer weight.
5. Electric charging station proposal from Beta Technologies
 - Still on hold awaiting NYSEG
6. Solar Home Project
 - Nothing additional at this point
7. Heating in Precision Aviation Hangar estimates to review
 - Recommend approving R.L. Powers Heating LLC for \$17,500 to install 4 – 100,000 BTU Vantage II Radiant Heaters using CARES funding.
8. AV Fuel Pricing:
 - Rich mentioned that fuel costs went up \$ 0.94 per gallon this week (week of March 27th) and is expected to go up \$0.46 per gallon next week (week of April 3rd).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Additional reporting requested for each meeting
 - Need to understand this request more from Leslie and what data is needed before we can act.

ANY COMMITTEE / OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

1. Verification – Airport Emergency Contact list is accurate:
 - No corrections identified.
2. Equipment and Facilities Committee: update on equipment condition, needs and necessary maintenance around the Airport property:
3. Marketing Committee:

ADJOURNMENT: 9:11 am

Submitted by: Dick Harper, 4/25/2022