

Yates County Airport Council Minutes



Wednesday August 31, 2022 7:30 AM EST

Held at Seneca Flight Operations, Penn Yan Airport

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33 am by Doug M.

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

GUESTS: Howard Bozenhard (AOPA network of volunteers), Tad Smith (PY Flying Club), Dave Flemming (Seneca Flight), John Clark (new Airport Grounds Manager)

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

REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted BM motioned / TD 2nd

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing outside of what is covered below

PASSERO REPORT:

1. Easements:
 - Reiff's have signed letter of intent.
 - Aaron Reiff might be interested in purchasing the County's landlocked property that border's his. We may want to lease instead but need to determine if FAA funds were used for the property purchase and if so, County could not sell.
2. FAA Review meeting t be held on Thursday Sept 15th at 9:30
 - They will review 3 years of AIP plan projects
 - We will need to discuss with FAA the option of resurface 10-28 rather than rehab.
 - We may also want to push resurfacing of 10-28 out a year.
3. 2020 (now 2022) State DOT funding proposal (Fuel Trucks)
 - Draft bid documents have been sent to Rich Leppert
4. 2019 Awarded State Grant Update (Airport standby Generator, aircraft deice system)
 - Generator contractor may start site prep work in mid Oct.
 - Transfer switch will not be available until February.
 - Allison will have deicing plans for the October meeting.
5. CARE emergency Funding and other Grants remaining funding and deadlines
 - NYSEG proof of payment have been sent to Rich Leppert by Jessica Mullins.
6. Progress on GPS approach for 10/28
 - No update
7. Five Year Plan
 - see item 2 above.

SENECA FBO REPORT:

1. Fence Clearing / cutting / general condition
 - 2nd round of spraying has been is being completed
2. Revenue, occupancy and condition of T hangars
 - We are still at 100% rented with 8 people on the waiting list
 - Rich to discuss increase with Matt Mitchell. CPI will not be available until Dec but we want him to be prepared for the increase.
3. Open house for Legislature
 - Rich Leppert will look at a potential date available in October to hold this.
4. Introduction of Airport Grounds Manager – John Clark

OLD BUSINESS (ALL):

1. Fence Repair from washout:
 - Double M Fence has completed the work.
2. Electric charging station proposal from Beta Technologies:
 - Still waiting on NYSEG
3. Solar Home Project
 - Currently on hold but there may be revisions to the project.
4. Heating in Precision Aviation Hangar
 - Work completed by contractor but they did not install some power outlets to some of the heaters or move a conduit. Dick will contact Joe Reed to see if these are something he wants to tackle or have a 3rd party quote.
5. Misc work: We also will have Joe Reed look at boiler which has a red light on as well as the main bifold door to the County hanger as it is not working.

NEW BUSINESS:

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: 8:48 BM motioned / TD 2nd.