

Yates County Airport Council Minutes



June 29, 2021 7:30 AM EST

Held at Seneca Flight Operations, Penn Yan Airport

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33 by DM

PRESENT: Doug Marchionda Sr (Penn Yan Flying Club), Rich Leppert (Seneca Flights / FBO), Allison Lia (Passero Associates), Bill Middlebrook (Penn Yan Aero), Taylor Fitch (Marketing), Tim Dennis (At Large), Doug Paddock (Yates County Legislature Chair), Dick Harper (Yates County Legislature)

GUESTS: None

READ & ACCEPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted (BM / RL 2nd)

REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT: None received by this meeting so nothing to accept

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS: None

SENECA FBO REPORT:

1. Fence Clearing / cutting / general condition
 - Rich reports that they have weed wacked and sprayed all airport pavements.
 - Still working on under the fence.
2. Revenue, occupancy, and condition of T hangars
 - T hangars are 100% occupied, however one is leaving in October.
 - Do have a new person interested who is moving into PY area.
3. Open house for Legislature **ON HOLD**
 - May look at holding this once electric aircraft charging is installed.
4. Electric charging station proposal from Beta Technologies – UPDATE
 - No update at this time.
5. Proposed Surveillance system update
 - This was approved by the Legislature
 - Work will begin in September or October
6. Deice Processing cost survey results
 - Rich provided table showing costs per gallon for disposal from various airports. Of 7 airports contacted, 3 did not respond, 2 showed no cost for disposal (Watertown and Massena) and Ithaca reported a \$0.19 per gallon cost.
 - Dick reported that Noco had provided quote for recycling which would be less than sending to Municipal
 - o If there were ways to reduce water content the disposal price would obviously go down
 - Dick did contact KanPak, and they provided a contact for a business in Syracuse who should be able to supply quote for BOD reduction equipment for our scale. KanPak equipment was over 6 million and treats over 100,000 gpd.
7. State DOT Airport Inspection June 24, 2021
 - Rich reported no safety issues were found. Rich will distribute list of based aircraft for review by the Council as the number of aircraft is tied to funding.

PASSERO REPORT:

1. State DOT funding proposal
 - Applications are still under review
2. Weather Emergency Preparedness Grant (NYS Grant)
 - Progressing design plans with assumption of connecting downstream of existing manhole b. Disposal discussion

3. Items for consideration under the Federal grant for Corona Virus emergency Funding a.

CARES Grant Funding Options		
Description	Amount	Submitted
Sewer District Fees (Approx.)	\$ 17,000.00	
Local Portion of Wind-cone Grant	\$ 5,571.13	
Hedgerow Clearing	\$ 6,000.00	
Upgrade Security System	\$ 19,300.00	
TOTAL	\$ 47,871.13	
Funds Remaining	\$ 21,128.87	

CRSSA Grant Funding Options		
Description	Amount	Submitted
Sewer District Fees	\$ 23,000.00	

American Rescue Plan Act - estimated to be \$59,000 (ARPA).

- o No official word on exact amount or when this may be available.

4. Progress on GPS approach for 10/28 –

- Likely delayed to '22

5. Update on sewer extension project

- Final pay app has not been paid to Blue Heron yet.
- Blue Heron to look at sewer system issues.

6. Five-year plan review

- ACIP was provided by Passero.
 - o Obstruction Removal
 - Three landowners requiring agreement/easement acquisition
 - o Deicing Equipment
 - The company is not willing to fill out buy American form

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Precision Aviation Lease Agreement - Has it been signed?
 - With lawyers
2. FOD issues at Precision Aviation Hangar area
 - Several sealcoating businesses contacted but many did not respond. 2 should quote this week.
 - Recommended Rich also reach out to Shuttleworth and "America's Best"
3. Right Brothers Aviation
 - Steve Griffin has advised that there has been no further contact from Right Brothers regarding possible development

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Airport Incident regarding Float Plane

- Rich reported on an incident that occurred where a float plane on a trailer was being pulled to take off and fell off the trailer. This happened around 11:50 am but DM was not notified until mid-afternoon.
 - o Due to the plane being so close to runway, question raised if we should have closed the runway right away.
 - o After lengthy discussion, it was requested that Rich revise the contact list as some individuals need to be added and some removed.
 - o We will also need to provide to Sheriff dispatch and make sure they are up to speed on contact list notifications required for an incident. With this incident, Dave was not contacted but is listed as #1.
 - o We need to review with every incident if NTSB needs to be contacted and they will contact FAA if needed.
 - o It was also a consensus this should have been reported earlier by the plane owner to the FBO.
 - o Rich to work with YC Emergency Management to also make sure we are keeping local Fire Departments up to speed with training.
 - Need to look at foam we have for PFOS content.

ANY COMMITTEE / OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

1. Equipment and Facilities Committee: update on equipment condition, needs and necessary maintenance around the Airport property: **PAUL, RICH**
 - Dick will contact Ryan Wallace regarding easement for property bordering to the north.
 - Should we look at "Low Flying Aircraft" signs for Bath Road ?
2. Marketing Committee: **TAYLOR**

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 (DH, BM 2nd)

Submitted by Dick Harper 8/30/2021