

MENOMONIE AIRPORT COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2010

A regular meeting of the Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order at 7:30PM on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Airport Terminal by Chairman Bob Willow. Other members present included Jeff Overby and Dan Johnson. Also present were Randy Eide, Larry Jess, Tim Ward and several members of the public. A motion was made by Overby, seconded by Johnson, to approve minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2010. Motion carried.

Chairman Willow opened the Public Hearing regarding a proposed aerobatic practice box application to FAA for an aerobatic practice box 4,500 feet long and 1,000 feet wide centered on runway 18/36 and extending 4,000 feet from the ground.

Bill Cowden reviewed the application request, possible operating procedures and the benefits associated with having an aerobatic practice box over the airport. Along with Bill Cowden, the following members of the public spoke in favor of the aerobatic practice box: Al Foster, Gordy Smith, and Richard Purvis. No members of the public were opposed to the aerobatic practice box. Chairman Willow closed the Public Hearing.

Under Old Business a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Overby, to submit the aerobatic practice box application as presented to the FAA. During discussion of the Motion, Bill Cowden agreed to be the point of contact for the application. Motion carried.

Eide updated the Commission on the Terminal furniture/equipment and construction status. Items not yet complete on the building include electrical changes in the conference room and carpeting in the lobby/kitchen area. Equipment items not complete includes the audio/visual work in the conference room. Eide will check on the status of securing a vending machine for the kitchen. Gordy Smith inquired about professionally cleaning the building periodically. Dan Johnson stated there may be a need for down lighting over the letters on the east side of the building to reduce the amount of glare on the security camera.

Eide informed the Commission the new owners of the former La Pean property have been asked to remove or reduce the height of the communication tower on their property to ensure it complies with our height limitation ordinance.

Overby and Ward updated the Commission on the Fly-In and Open House celebration on July 10, 2010.

The Commission reviewed the Menomonie Municipal Airport Six-Year Plan. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Overby, to approve the project priority list for the six-year plan as listed below. Motion carried.

1. Land Acquisition around the airport for R/W Approach Lights, Obstruction removal, and Hangar Development
2. Develop Infrastructure for Future Hangars
3. Improve the Capacity and Upgrade Fuel System
4. Repair Ramps, Taxiway and Runway Asphalt

5. Replace Runway Lighting System
6. Install Approach Lighting on Runway 09
7. Reconstruct, Strengthen and Widen Runways 09/27

Ward provided the Manager's Report. Ward has requested a quote to move the AWOS to the new Terminal Building. Johnson requested the City roll the grass area south of RW09/27 to enhance glider landings in that area if required.

Under the Economic Development Report Jess informed the Commission about the upcoming meetings and actions of the local Flying Club.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Overby, to adjourn. Motion carried. Next scheduled meeting is June 15, 2010, at the New Terminal Building (1390 Indianhead Drive).

Respectfully submitted,

Randy D. Eide,
Recording Secretary