

MENOMONIE AIRPORT COMMISSION
September 17, 2020

The Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order by Chairman Dr. Dan Johnson at 7:00 pm on Thursday, Sept 17, 2020 at City Hall (800 Wilson Ave, Menomonie WI). Other Commission members present included: Earl Wildenberg, Kerry McCauley and Arvin Solsaa. Others in attendance included: Lowell Prange, Randy Eide and over 50 people from the public.

MOTION made by Solsaa, seconded by Wildenberg, to approve the July 16, 2020 Airport Commission Minutes as presented. **MOTION** passed. There was no meeting in August 2020.

Under public comments Philip Mattison, Jerry Smith, Mike Scott, Dave Worker, Todd Littfin, Julie Pangallo, Jennifer Leipnitz-Gibson, Tom Olson and Josh Bergman all spoke in support of keeping the flight school at Menomonie Municipal Airport in Operation.

The Airport Commission reviewed the Citizen Airport Petition to Eliminate Flight Training. Chairman Johnson brought up different options to help mitigate noise over residential areas in the City. Eide informed the Commission that a copy of the petition was sent to the Bureau of Aeronautics in Madison for their review and the Bureau has concluded that the Commission can not prohibit flight training on the airport and doing so would be a violation of Federal Grant Assurance #22. The Bureau also mentioned that the Commission can establish noise abatement procedures if they wish. After much discussion on the petition, the Airport Commission elected to take no action at this time.

MOTION made by Wildenberg, seconded by Solsaa, to recommend approval of the proposed 2021 Airport budget as presented with a 3% increase to the 2021 Airport Manager's budget line item. **MOTION** passed.

The Airport Manager provided the Airport Manager's Report.

The Commission elected to continue to hold future meetings at the Airport Terminal Building.

MOTION to adjourn made by Wildenberg, seconded by Solsaa. **MOTION** carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted

Randy D. Eide
Recording Secretary