

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008, AT 7:09 P.M.

Present: Grimm, Myaard, Nelson, Nicholls, Sowle and Chairman Vezino.

Absent: Hale.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Howard Van Horn and Bill Jones.

1. Nelson moved, Nicholls supported to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2008 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.
2. Airport Manager Jim Sowle reported that a meeting with MDOT was held earlier in the day at Lansing. He, City Manager Pasquale and representatives from URS met with Mark Dontje and Betsy Steudle of MDOT to review a proposed five year airport improvements plan.

It was noted \$75,000 has been allocated for acquisition (easements) by the State while \$9,000 remains for tree removal.

URS has proposed a new ALP. Why? The current plan is from 1993. The State discouraged this along with having many small projects. The most important needs must be addressed.

Sowle believed that watering and sodding of 6-24 is most important since 80% of the flights utilize this runway. It should be paved.

Discussion was held on SMAT's plan to vacate the airport by August 31. A timetable was requested by the Board.

The question of having Dan Williams rent out Hangar 2 was raised. The big doors make it difficult. The Board needs to know more about his plans.

Ads should be placed for interested aviation businesses.

3. A brief progress report was given regarding the Barron and Fegel properties.
4. On behalf of SMAT, Van Horn said the students are working on the power plant sections of coursework. Airframe has been completed.

Van Horn mentioned he is in the midst of mowing. Blades needed replacement.

Bill Jones was introduced as the new SMAT chairman. He has been with the SMAT board for 1 ½ years and is well versed in strategic planning.

5. The Board reviewed the listing of capital improvements and provided the following:

2008-2009 Improve airport to General Utility standards (1)  
2008-2009 T hangar maintenance – doors and roof (1)  
2009-2010 Improve turf on runway 6-24 (2)  
2010-2011 Install rotating beam and construct additional hangars (3)  
2011-2012 Extend runway 30 (4)  
2012-2013 Asphalt main road and parking lot, upgrade existing hangars (5)

Nelson moved, Nicholls supported to approve the above listing for the Airport Capital Improvements Plan. Motion carried.

Sowle noted that the fencing of the airport grounds is not a requirement to attain general utility status.

The Board proposed a work session to consider projects on a priority basis for State funding.

The September 28<sup>th</sup> Fly In will be on the next meeting's agenda.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Pasquale