

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL AIRPORT BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Grimm, Myaard, Nicholls, Serne, Sowle and Vezino.

Absent: Hale.

Also Present: Pasquale and Howard VanHorn.

1. Vezino moved, Myaard Sowle supported to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.
2. Airport Manager Jim Sowle reported on the following: Dave Baker of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission said a \$50,000 grant is being processed for the URS work. Dave Helmstetter of URS is coordinating this.

All lots have been surveyed. The contract has been let for negotiating air easements with property owners. This work should be all done by the end of Fall. The tree trimming will take two weeks.

There is an interested buyer of a home adjacent to the airport who wants airport access.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming fly in and where the proceeds would go. The FAA permit requires designation.

Sowle moved, Myaard supported to utilize proceeds from the September 2005 Fly In for SMAT and the Airport Board. Motion carried.

Bob Riffel performed the annual State inspection of the airport. He had noted trees in the runway approaches. But since these were in the flaired areas, it meets basic standards. Also, Riffel noticed automobiles crossing the runway. Eventually, there needs to be fencing. Otherwise, the airport is in fine shape.

3. Howard VanHorn, representing SMAT, said the School is going well. Both grass runways have been fertilized as well as the infield in front of the new building. Certain areas have been seeded.

The runway lights were fixed. The fire pump hose has been replaced. The cost to drill a well for watering around the entrance sign is \$2800. Power to the pole for the pump is included.

The money from the fly in will be used to reimburse expenses incurred involving future improvements. The Board requested Van Horn receive prices for painting the Terminal Building roof.

Van Horn asked that the end bays of the hangar which SMAT rents be cemented. The Board OKed this at SMAT's cost. Van Horn also noted SMAT had turned six students away, mentioning the success of the program.

4. Under Other Business, Impact Church wishes to use a hangar on June 28 for a service. An Eagle Scout project provided a garden around the entrance sign. A trailer will be parked for summer camp.

Myaard said his school schedule this Fall will conflict with the Airport Board meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Pasquale