



AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2018

7:00 a.m.

Airport Meeting Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by P. Johnson at 7:00 a.m.

Members present: F. Ahlman, M. Brown, R. Goracke, P. Johnson, D. Nelson

Members absent: C. Hooper, T. Waarvik

Airport staff: J. Serres

Staff present: T. Block, T. Manz

Others present: Dr. Chris Larson, Philip Hult, Ian Kline, Leslie Wander, Don Ingraham

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 17, 2018, were submitted for approval. A motion was made by R. Goracke, seconded by M. Brown, for approval of the minutes of January 17, 2018. Motion passed.

3. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

4. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

a. Fuel system upgrade: Plans are 95% complete and include a 12,000 gallon tank for low fuel and a 6,000 gallon tank for Jet A. With the frequency of North Memorials flights, consideration for a larger Jet A tank would be warranted.

b. West Taxilane Improvements: The west taxilane improvements do not meet the FAA timeline for a full reconstruct. Plans are being revised for a mill and overlay to get through until funding is available for a full reconstruct at a later date.

5. OTHER

b. SteinAir: The General Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and approved moving forward with recommending demolition of the existing "yellow building" to support redevelopment efforts as supported by the Airport Master Plan.

Don Ingraham of Cross Country Soaring was present and inquired as to what kind of accommodations the city had to offer for relocation of his business. T Block said he could rent a city-owned hangar; to which Ingraham indicated none offered enough wing span. Block

indicated another option was to build a hangar; to which Ingraham stated the cost was too high. Additional discussion ensued from the public which recommended having SteinAir look at one of the other options available to them and allowing Ingraham to purchase the “yellow building”. Leslie Wander, Faribault resident, added to that recommendation indicating the blight caused by the yellow building would be resolved once purchased by Ingraham and improvements were made. M. Brown informed the members of the public that the Airport Layout Plan designates this location for expansion. P. Johnson added this is an economic opportunity for the City and the airport. Serres mentioned the location was also preferred for SteinAir due to the proximity to the ramp which would be utilized by the company. Serres asked if Ingraham has spoken to Jim Henry regarding sub-leasing space at his hangar. Ingraham requested a meeting with the Economic Development Coordinator and Public Works Director to further pursue relocation options available to Cross Country Soaring.

- c. **Summer Camp:** Dr. Chris Larson presented information on establishing a youth flight training educational program at the airport. She would like to begin with an aviation day for kids and exploring the interest in expanding to an educational program in the future.
- d. Doug Nelson informed the Board that April 25, 2018, was Aviation Day at the State Capitol. He will send the information he received to T. Block.

6. NEXT AIRPORT BOARD MEETING – March 21, 2018.

7. ADJOURN – P. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 a.m.