

MINUTES AIRPORT BOARD MEETING

APRIL 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Fread at 5:10 p.m. Board members present were Jeff Thompson, John Bayer, Harlan Leusink, and Phil Bailey (via phone). Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director/Acting City Administrator and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc. Also presented was Michael Morgan with Morgan's Motorplex.

Motion was made by Bailey to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Airport Board meeting. Seconded by Bayer and unanimously carried.

QT POD

Information on a QT pod was reviewed noting the City's existing QT pod, model m3000, is no longer supported and the company is recommending the m4000. The estimated cost is \$14,295.00. Members suggested getting a second quote and to research possible funding options.

HANGER RENTAL RATES

A pilot from Winsted, MN is inquiring about a hanger for 10 months maybe a year and felt the \$250.00 is excessive. Members discussed the rates noting the City's minimum contract is for two years and this should be reduced to one year. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Fread to reduce the minimum contract to one year and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.

HANGER LEASE AND SURVEY

This was presented as informational; no action is necessary.

TEE HANGER UPDATE

DeWolf reported that construction is progressing with the building to be completed in 3 to 4 weeks and the taxi lanes to follow shortly thereafter.

AIRPORT FLY IN

Fread reported that the Friends of the Airport will be meeting to discuss whether to cancel or proceed with the Fly In. It was noted several other Fly Ins have already cancelled.

MORGAN'S MOTORPLEX

Morgan's request is to utilize the airport runway for a day of drag racing. The FAA was contacted and noted the following:

- The FAA strongly discourages this type of event
- The City's grant assurances state the City will not utilize the airport for non-airport uses
- This type of event may jeopardize the City's airport funding
- The permitting process is cumbersome and an airspace study will be required

Board members do not want to lose any grant funding opportunities and the airspace study was questioned. Morgan noted the closest location that he knows of where this was done is Jamestown, ND. Members suggested further research on this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.