

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PRINCETON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Stoeckel, Jack Edmonds, John Sautter (via Teams), Bill Moriarty

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sharon Sandberg, Lisa Fobbe, Dan Goetz

Michele McPherson, City Administrator; John Glesne (via Teams)

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chair Stoeckel called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SWEARING IN OF WILLIAM MORIARTY**

Chair Stoeckel provided the Oath of Office to Mr. Moriarty.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL:**

Motion by Edmonds, seconded by Sautter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Edmonds, seconded by Moriarty to approve the March 4, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Kruse Access Agreement*

There has been no new information since the submission of an updated agreement by Mr. Moriarty. A meeting has been scheduled for May 22 with Mr. Moriarty.

*Flight Service Station*

The DNR has completely vacated the Flight Service Station.

We are still awaiting information from the FAA regarding their occupancy of the structure.

Edmonds asked how the building would be disposed of.

McPherson stated that until the FAA vacates the building, the City cannot make any plans for disposal.

Moriarty asked who owned the building and was there any possibility of finding an aviation related use for it.

Edmonds stated that it is the Council's desire to dispose of the building and place the property back on the tax rolls.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Unleaded Gas

Sautter provided information regarding the phasing out of low lead 100 aviation fuel. At some point the City will need to plan for the provision of unleaded aviation fuel. It is not yet mandated that plans operate on unleaded fuel.

Moriarty stated that the City should provide Jet A. He stated that he is aware of small jet owners that would prefer to fuel up at Princeton but have to divert to St. Cloud to fuel and it is very expensive there.

McPherson stated that there needs to be a return on investment for the City in order to fund the City's share of the project.

Edmonds asked Glesne if KLJ was aware of the low lead to unleaded fuel issue and if adding additional fuels would be covered by a grant.

Glesne stated that yes, they have been watching the issue and that an initial investment for a new fuel system would be an eligible grant request. As with other improvements, it needs to be included on the CIP.

McPherson noted that Jet A was previously on the CIP, but that there is not enough empirical evidence that the return on investment would occur quickly as there does not appear to be sufficient demand. North Memorial has its own Jet A fueling system for their medical helicopter.

Edmonds stated that the CIP should include all fuels in order to keep the grant window open.

Motion by Sauter, seconded by Moriarty, to include on the CIP additional fuel capacity for unleaded and Jet A aviation fuels. Motion carried.

#### Engineer's Report:

Glesne reviewed the April report (reports from March and April were included in the agenda):

- Taxiway reconstruction (construction) – no change from previous reports.
- The Beacon Replacement – final walkthrough inspection conducted on July 6, 2023. KLJ is working on the closeout report.
- The draft ALP was submitted for review on February 8 and there was no change in its status.
- AWOS Replacement; Phase 1 Final Siting and Phase 2 Design – prepared a scope for MNDOT to review. A grant request was prepared and signed by the City and approved on March 25, 2024.

Glesne noted that MNDOT changed the type of equipment which has resulted in the need to change the design.

Stoeckel asked what the height of the tower will be given the change in equipment.

Glesne noted the height will be the same, 50 feet.

Sautter asked for clarification regarding the location of the trees referenced in the 5010 inspection as it related to the PAPIs.

Glesne noted that the trees are located on the farmstead north of the runway.

#### Manager's Report:

The year to date financials were provided.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Moriarty, seconded by Edmonds to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele McPherson*

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