

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, May 4, 2020, AT 5:30 P.M.,
AT THE AIRPORT A/D BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Chair, Gene Stoeckel, called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Other members present included ~~Troy Minske, Brenton Titcomb~~, Barry Ramage Jr. and John Sautter. Others present: ~~Brad Schumacher~~, Mayor/Council Liaison, Lisa Fobbe Sherburne Co. Com., ~~Larry Handshoe~~ Baldwin Township, ~~Tim Hennagir~~ Union Times, City Administrator Robert Barbian, Alex Goerke (PE KLJ Engineering), ~~Jim Flynn~~ Flying Club, ~~Dwayne Kruse~~ Kruse Aviation, John George, Richard Anderson, Jason Erickson Ascend Aviation, Police Chief Todd Frederick and Jack Edwards

Oath of Office: John Sautter took the Oath of Office serving until 12-31-21.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Ramage moved, seconded by Sautter to adopt the agenda adding Wildlife and Camping Registration as 6 a and b. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Sautter, seconded by Ramage to approve the minutes for the February 3rd and March 2nd meeting. Motion Carried.

Hunting on Airport Property: Chief Frederick provided an overview on requests received for hunting on the airport and adjacent city lands for deer bow hunting and turkey hunting. Discussion on the safety ensued with concern about the variance of each hunter. Also covered was eventual future requests and precedence that would be set. The Chief covered that Minske's comments and concerns expressed about hunting by the airport and hunters that hide in blinds waiting for the turkeys endanger pilots. Stoeckel indicated that past requests were told no hunting to avoid setting a dangerous precedent.

Motion by Stoeckel, seconded by Sautter to encourage the City Council to not authorize hunting on airport land, adjacent city land and discourage hunting where projectiles would go toward the runway. Motion Carried.

AD Building Use: Barbian summarized that with the Emergency Declaration in place the AD building was closed. Chief Frederick covered that State protocols for cleaning and tracing contacts is difficult if not impossible at a nonmonitored public building which prevent it from being safely open without encountering high costs. The AD building and other city building are closed with other city buildings open on a limited basis. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the decision. Ramage expressed frustration for a lack of board involvement in the decision and enquired about opening the building back up. Frederick expressed that the Council is maintaining compliance with the state protocol and the Mayor has expressed he does not want to jeopardize state support or LGA funding. Richard Anderson expressed the port-a-potty is far worse than the AD building.

Wildlife Training conference information was summarized by John Sautter. The major method to control wildlife is to manage water and vegetation. Sautter indicated that water needs to be kept moving through the airport and vegetation maintained. It was covered that a stormwater plan would be valuable for Princeton Airport and removing treed areas on airport and adjacent lands.

Sautter also covered the camper registration form and that he is to edit.

Engineering Report:

Goerke summarized the Runway and Taxiway reconstruction project providing an overview of the next steps to proceed. He went on summarizing that 3 bids were received for the taxiway reconstruction with a local share of 127K and a total project cost of 1,156K. Goerke further summarized the additional funding being provided by the Cares Act taxiway reconstruction bringing the local share down. Barbian add the Cares Act is also providing funding of 30K for the airport operations, maintenance and debt reduction although depending upon how it is used will reduce the MNDOT maintenance and operations grant. Finance will be reviewing to maximize all grant sources.

Motion by Ramage, seconded by Sautter to recommend the City approve submittal of the grant application and fee review. Motion Carried

Stoeckel moved, seconded by Ramage recommended that the City proceed with closing the runway for construction from May 20 thru July 29th or until complete. Motion Carried.

Motion by Stoeckel, seconded by Sautter to recommend the City enter into an agreement with FAA to perform the flight check upon runway completion. Motion Carried.

Economic Impact Analysis: Board Member John Sautter provided a summary of the study to the board.

Manager Report:

Fuel system was down due to supplier software issue. Barbian summarized that when purchasing fuel one need enter the gallons or dollar amount being pumped or the system will automatically reserve \$350.00. The question was asked that it was thought it would be automatic and one of the reasons upgraded. Also covered was the fuel pricing was about average at 4.25. It was asked if prepay cards were available.

Richard Anderson expressed frustration with closing the airport for 70 days. It was summarized that alternatives were considered and decided to get the project done as quickly as possible, keep costs in line to close the airport completely. Also covered is the lighting is the slowest portion of the project and for safety the runway must remain closed.

Motion to adjourn by Ramage, seconded by Sautter. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Barbian
City Administrator