

10 January 2019
Airport Commission Meeting
Minutes taken by Eric Bagelmann

1) **Present** - Kris Glaser, Lee Hinrichs, Eric Bagelmann, Mike Cherry, Tim Kangas and Irv Swieter.

Guests - Diane Foelske, Barb Swieter, Clint Swieter, Tim Busch and Joleen Busch.

Absent - Dennis Hansen and Jane Wollenzien.

2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Correction in December Minutes under Item 4. Rental rate is \$178.00/hr wet with instructor. \$59.00/hr for the instructor. Motion to approve December Minutes with correction made by Lee Hinrichs, seconded by Eric Bagelmann. Approved.

3) **Review Financial Report and Approve Bills** - No new bills to approve. Motion to approve Financial Report made by Eric Bagelmann and seconded by Lee Hinrichs. Approved.

4) **Reports and Announcements** - Traffic for December 2018 had 16 arrivals and 13 departures with 7 of the flights being for pleasure and 3 for business. Fuel report indicated 133.5 units sold. Irv did indicate traffic for the airport was slow but that it is December and was to be expected. Irv reported Swieter Aircraft Services did their major move during the week of Christmas and will be 100% out of Waterloo by the 31 January 2019. Also reported, the heating in the hangar is awesome. Second set of lights in the Main Hangar do not always come on, can take several clicks. Irv will trouble shoot. Clint Swieter reported he cannot always get a GPS signal for work he does on certain avionics equipment. Iowa DOT official visited the airport. The Official indicated he did not like the trees on the south side of the airport and wanted balls on the power lines as well. City will be contacted about the trees. The power line balls have been addressed in a previous Airport Commission meeting and was reported to McClure Engineering.

5) **Unfinished Business** - Nothing new to report.

6) **New Business** - Nothing new to report.

7) **Tabled Items** - Nothing new to report.

8) **Project Status Report** - No new information to report.

9) **Group Discussion** - Cedar Valley Business Magazine Article - January 2019 issue spot lighting the pilot shortage threatening regional airports and its impact on Iowa. Briefly, the shortage is of professional pilots, those holding Commercial and ATP (Air Transport Category) licenses. Iowa DOT Office of Aviation states the impact the

aviation industry has on Iowa's economy is \$2.1 billion in payroll. Group discussed what some of the problems being faced are and what can be done about them. Tim Busch, Chief Flight Instructor for Iowa Flight Training, provided good input on current flight training, issues he faces and solutions he uses. One being using computer based training to reduce the cost to a student saving several thousands of dollars. Problem is getting younger people interested in the aviation industry as a potential career. Anelia, from the Waverly Newspaper, will be contacted for a possible human interest story. It was also agreed that the Airport needs to get information to City Council and the public about what this airport means to this community. More discussion is needed.

10) **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn made by Lee Hinrichs and seconded by Eric Bagelmann. Approved.