

Watertown Airport Commission
1741 River Drive, Watertown, WI 53094 (920) 261-4567
Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Attendance:

Alderman Bob Wetzel	Present
Dr. Terry Turke	Present
Tom Fimmel	Present
Sean Lapp	Absent
Jeff Baum, Airport Manager	Present
Tom Klug	Present
Tom Hahn	Present
Eric Wegner	Present

Others:

Krys Brown, Wisconsin Aviation – Present
Jeremy Roberts – MSA Engineering
American Legion Attendees – Ryan & Colby Hepp/Barry Lawrence/Steve Zillmer and Gary Stuber

1. Dr. Terry Turke called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. A motion to approve the minutes from April 9th with the exception to delete the last line was made by Tom Klug and seconded by Bob Wetzel. Motion carried.
3. A motion to approve the April bills in the amount of \$8,027.40 and Capital Expense for \$60,549.41 was made by Tom Hahn and seconded by Eric Wegner. Motion carried.
4. Manager's Report:
 - Reviewed the Monthly Airport Use report was noted the year is starting out good.
 - WI Aviation reported on Air Charter Foundation meeting
 - WI Aviation reported on employee changes – Debra Lentz (11 yrs.) front desk & accounting and Gary Maier (8 yrs.) Airworthiness Insp., have retired.
 - St. Johns is putting in an aviation program which will have a cadet program & use WI Aviation for flight training.
 - A customer is bringing in a PC12 and adding it to our fleet.
 - EAA Chapter has 5 events within the next 2 weeks including a Flying Start program, Glenn's Brat Haus, Fly-Drive In fly fest, fly out to Oshkosh that will have speakers from all over the world and a fly out to Reedsburg & Wausau.
 - Once again, the EAA Chapter has earned the Gold level star for all of their activities.
 - EAA Chapter is getting ready for the WOW (wings over Watertown) before the Oshkosh Air Show, which will include the community in all the 2-1/2 day events.
 - Jeremy Roberts of MSA Engineering gave a thorough presentation with pictures on the ALP (Airport Layout Plan) and the updates that will be needed.
5. Old Business:
 - Review: Runway 23/05 reconstruction project – Nothing to report.
 - Discussed the hangar progress. Andrew Schmidt is almost done with the construction of his hangar. Tim Pooler has added the water and sewer lines to his hangar. EAA has completed the roof on their hangar.
 - Discussed: The stormwater plan will be updated as we move into expanding the area for hangar development.

6. New Business:

- Reviewed & Discussed: Brad Grooms building a 64' X 68' hangar across from the Hoefgen hangar. A motion was made by Tom Hahn to approve building the hangar in that location and seconded by Tom Klug. Motion carried.
- Discussed: The new FAA ruling that will be put in place in the future included updating the ALP (airport layout plan) every time a new hangar was built and also an environmental study that was needed in the area.
- American Legend attendees presented a location at Aero Park for placement of a retired Vietnam Wall. The maximum height would be 4-1/2' in the middle and would be below grade as it sloped down on each side. It is 320' long and is the shape of a V. Tom Hahn made a motion to approve the concept with the approval of the Bureau of Aeronautics passing the height limitation and seconded by Tom Klug. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment:

- There being no further discussion, a motion for adjournment was made by Tom Klug and seconded by Tom Hahn.

Respectfully submitted by: Krys Brown

Minutes are submitted unapproved