

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 4:30 PM
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chairman Doug Rowe, Commissioners Ray Ebert, Joe Garceau, Jeff Hurula, Susan Thur, Treasurer Dale Kruse, Secretary Holly Holly.

Absent: Commissioner Rasmussen, Airport Manager Mike Nichols.

Guests

Elizabeth Holland

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Ebert to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hurula.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Elizabeth Holland is aware that the airport is looking to expand the number of hangars and is concerned about potential increased air traffic, increased activity at the gun club and how those two things may impact the community and environment. She also referenced the Guardian Magazine article about an airport expansion in Rifle, CO and there were negative impacts to the community and environment. She is hoping the Commission takes this into consideration when considering airport expansion. Chairman Rowe explained the article was discussed at last month's meeting and the expansion involves only the hangars and the Commission has an open relationship with the Cable Rod & Gun Club and are working together to increase safety.

Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Hurula to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thurn. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Special EA Meeting - January 25, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Hurula to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ebert. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures were \$573.40. Receipts were \$43,443.21 (\$428.82, 70 gallons gas, 3 fuel sales). Balance on 2/12/24 was \$119,088.91.

All invoices for 2023 have been paid with the exception of American Birkebeiner which was received today.

Motion by Commissioner Ebert to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit, seconded by Commissioner Hurula. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Mr. Nichols was absent due to his mother passing away. Chairman Rowe shared the courtesy car estimate was distributed to the commission. Motion to approve maintenance to the car made by Commissioner Hurula, seconded by Commissioner Ebert.

OLD BUSINESS

SRE Building Update/Update BOA/EA – Brad Volker

Mr. Volker reported that Mallory Palmer currently has the EA report prior to being sent to the FAA. Chairman Rowe will follow up with Mallory via email in about a week.

Cooper Engineering received a signed contract from Mr. Messina so design work can begin on the SRE building. Mr. Volker is beginning to determine the best ceiling height for the building based on door heights which will allow him to determine appropriate framing for the building. Once the architect has these details, a plan should be done rather quickly. Ideally a bi-fold door will be installed to accommodate large equipment.

Mr. Volker tried to include an electrical schematic as part of the SRE drawings, but it was not approved by BOA. Mr. Volker volunteered to assist Commissioner Hurula in creating one.

Mr. Volker informed the commission that the FAA has now approved LED lights for runways and taxiways which can be installed without heaters. Commissioner Garceau asked if heaters can be retrofitted, Mr. Volker was unsure.

Hangar Expansion

Mr. Messina informed Cooper Engineering of a new requirement that storm water basins must be reflected on the ALP before being sent out for bid. Chairman Rowe will follow up with Mr. Messina to encourage being able to go to bid as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport Operation Ordinance

Revised copy will be sent to each commissioner and then sent to each Town for amendment.

American Birkebeiner

Chairman Rowe met with Ben Popp to discuss the proposed race route. Due to lack of snow, the route will consist of a loop which crosses Telemark Road, Mr. Pobloski's property, and airport property. An invoice for \$500 will be issued for use of airport property. The Commission is also grateful for their contribution of over 100 man hours in clearing trees which directly benefited the airport.

Cable Rod & Gun Club

Karl Kastrosky was unable to attend.

Future Airport Events

Nothing at this time.

Nelson Hangar

The cost to purchase the hangar is \$200,000. All commissioners agreed it would be ideal to have the hangar, but the cost does not seem feasible at this time due to projects already in progress. Treasurer Kruse questioned if it could be purchased in place of building an SRE building. Mr. Volker advised it could be looked into, but would likely be a lengthy process.

Terminal Restoration Update

On hold until spring.

Telemark Properties, LLC

Thank you to Mr. Pobloski for allowing the Commission to remove a very large tree causing a safety issue for the airport. Thank you to Commissioners Ebert, Garceau, Rasmussen and Manager Nichols for cutting the tree down in January.

Tree Clearing

Commissioner Garceau has equipment to stack trees that were cleared on the approach end of runway 8 to be burned next winter. Commissioners Garceau and Ebert will tentatively complete this work in May 2024.

Items for Next Agenda:

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| Airport Operation Ordinance | Phase 2 Hangar Expansion Project |
| American Birkebiner | SRE Building Update |
| Cable Rod & Gun Club | Tree Clearing |
| Future Airport Events | Terminal Renovations |

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Cable Community Centre at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.