

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT
SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
MEETING AIRPORT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 Rowe, Commissioners Rasmussen, Garceau, Ebert, Hurula, Secretary Holly. Absent: Commissioner Thurn, Manager Nichols, Treasurer Kruse.

Guests

Mallory Palmer, BOA

Matt Messina, BOA

Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Amy Kelsey, Cooper Engineering

Rich Boley, Hangar Owner

Matt Pobloski, Telemark Properties

Liability Insurance Policy Approval - Airport Commission

Commissioner Rasmussen made a motion to accept Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Policy Quote from Lexington Insurance Company at an annual premium of \$2,214.50, seconded by Commissioner Hurula. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Ebert made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hurula. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rowe - Comments

This special Commission meeting is a step in the process of the ongoing environmental assessment (EA). Somewhere around 2008 the Commission unsuccessfully attempted to address the obstruction issues that affect the safety, namely usable runway length, at the airport . Afterwards, the Commission, in coordination with the Wisconsin BOA, decided the avenue most likely to succeed in resolving this issue was to conduct an entire EA. The Commission's initial goal was to clear obstructions to make the entire 3700 feet usable in both directions. We fought hard for that only to be informed that (due to our airport classification) the FAA would only fund for the clearing of 3400 feet usable runway length. Today, Brad Volker of Cooper Engineering, will present the draft EA to the Commission. Within this draft are the alternatives for displaced thresholds. The Commission will select our preferred

alternative. The EA will then go to the FAA and other Federal agencies for their input. Eventually it will come back and there will be a public hearing presenting the final resolution.

Environmental Assessment Presentation - Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering & Matt Messina, Wisconsin BOA

Mr. Volker presented multiple alternatives for the north/south runway. The Commission concentrated on those alternatives having 3400' between thresholds and precision approach path indicators (PAPI) at both ends. These alternatives will be the safest for pilots and most likely to be approved by the FAA.

There were two alternatives presented for the turf (East/West) runway. One to take no action and one to remove the displaced threshold for runway 8.

Discussion

Runway 17/35

All parties in attendance engaged in a discussion of the pros and cons of shifting the thresholds to the north or south. The discussions took into consideration the project costs, airport safety, effects to airport neighbors, and challenges to Federal approval. The Commission chose as our preferred alternative, 2P, (as presented in the draft EA). Effectively the southern threshold would be located as far south as possible so that Telemark road would not be an obstruction. The north threshold 3400' to its north with PAPI at both ends. It was agreed that this is likely the most cost effective and most likely to be approved by the Federal agencies involved. It is also the best compromise for airport function, safety, and effects on our neighbors.

Turf Runway

The turf runway discussion centered on existing easements, safety for aircraft, and airport function. The Commission chose as our preference the option that would remove the threshold displacement for runway 8. This option is T2 in the draft EA.

Sponsors Selection of Preferred Option

Commissioner Hurula made a motion to adopt Alternative 2P as the preferred alternative for the north/south runway. seconded by Commissioner Garceau. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ebert made a motion to adopt Alternative T2, seconded by Commissioner Hurula. Motion carried unanimously

Determine February Airport Commission Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 4:30 p.m. at the Cable Community Centre.

Adjournment

Chairman Rowe adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.