

**3CU AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2025 – 4:30 PM
CABLE UNION AIRPORT TERMINAL**

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Attendance: Chairman Doug Rowe, Commissioners Joe Garceau, Bob Rasmussen, Jeff Smits, Airport Manager Mike Nichols, Treasurer Dale Kruse, Secretary Holly Holly.

Skype: Commissioner Ray Ebert

Absent: Commissioner Jeff Hurula

Guests

Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Sue Rosa, Bayfield County Board

Skype: John Sill, Dennis Stieren, Steve Bruss, Blake Bristow – Hangar Owners

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Smits to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Garceau. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Rasmussen to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Garceau. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures:	\$ 614.25
Receipts:	\$ 1,121.17 (\$ 987.96, 5 fuel sales)
Balance on 10/31/25:	\$ 96,109.25

Treasurer Kruse reported the interest received from the LGIP fund last month was \$133.21. Lease invoices will be mailed to all hangar owners. Each town and the county will be invoiced for the annual request of \$12,000, and a request for \$5,000 for the contingency fund.

Commissioner Garceau and several other hangar owners applied for a BFI, and they have

received individual tax bills. Treasurer Kruse expects to receive a bill for all hangar owners who have not yet applied for a BFI. Chairman Rowe encouraged all hangar owners to apply.

Chairman Rowe and Treasurer Kruse will audit the financials in January 2026; Commissioner Smits volunteered to join them.

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

Manager's Report

Mr. Nichols reported a mechanical issue with the fuel hose releasing. He has requested Westmore to submit a quote to replace the reel and motor. Parts are difficult to find as the system is 26 years old. The hose will remain extended until it can be repaired or replaced.

Norvado will be on site on 12/16/25 to set up the new computer system.

There has been significant snowplowing required already this season. Lake Namakagon assisted the Town of Cable with clearing snow around the lights while the town plowed the runway. He was thankful for the coordinated effort.

The Based Aircraft Count is scheduled for 12/19/25, and there are currently 11 planes registered in Cable (minimum requirement is 10).

On the Environmental Assessment (EA), Mr. Davidson from BOA stated he would like 3CU to track the types of aircraft utilizing 3CU to justify a 3,400 ft runway. Manager Nichols will document aircraft, and all hangar owners are asked to assist in this effort.

OLD BUSINESS

Update BOA/Environmental Assessment (EA)

– Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering, Colin Davidson, BOA Project Manager

Mr. Volker, Chairman Rowe, and Commissioner Smits met with Mr. Davidson and other members of the BOA on a virtual call for the purpose of getting the EA moving. Mr. Davidson reported that he is familiarizing himself with the EA and working to reconcile it with FAA comments, along with comments requiring BOA guidance. Mr. Volker has provided him with pilot comments and additional information that may be useful. All parties are hopeful there will be progress soon. The next meeting with Mr. Davidson will be held on 01/28/26.

Cooper Engineering's involvement in the Phase II Hangar Development project is complete.

SRE Building Update - Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering, Colin Davidson, BOA

Mr. Volker reported that Northwest Builders has ordered materials and will continue

construction as winter weather conditions allow. The BOA allows additional time if weather conditions prevent the project from being completed in the original timeframe. Concrete was completed in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Bayfield County Board - Sue Rosa

Ms. Rosa reported that Bayfield County has approved the \$12,000 request for 2026.

Correspondence

Chairman Rowe received an email from Senator Tammy Baldwin summarizing the actions she and her staff took to rectify the issue of NEPA and Phase II Hangar Development. Her office coordinated efforts between the FAA and BOA to resolve the issue. A copy of the email is filed. Chairman Rowe expressed his gratitude to Senator Tammy Baldwin and staff.

FAA Directed NEPA Study for Phase II Hangars

Addressed in Correspondence.

Discussion and Possible Action – Phase II Electricity Installation Cost Settlement with Hangar Owners

A refund of \$440 is expected for each hangar owner in the Phase II project after the NEPA study is settled.

Discussion for Deer Culling on Airport Property

Four additional tags were issued; eight deer have been culled so far. Bayfield County Sheriff's Dept. will continue to hunt through 12/31/25.

Discussion of Telemark Road Easement–Matt Pobloske

Mr. Pobloske was not in attendance. Chairman Rowe will reach out to Mr. Pobloske for an update on the progress of the easements.

Discussion of “Through the Fence” – Matt Pobloske

Mr. Pobloske was not in attendance.

Discussion and Possible Action – Second Courtesy Car Donation

Manager Nichols has not received any response from Performance Automotive and will contact Rockies Auto for an evaluation of the car.

Discussion for Snow Plowing

There was discussion about the challenges encountered in clearing the airport after the recent heavy snow and ice event. Manager Nichols explained the snowplowing policy. The Town of

Cable plows the airport as soon as possible after clearing the town roads. In this particular snow event, the clearing of the town roads took longer than normal due to the difficulty of the conditions, compounded by the breakdown of key equipment. The Town of Namakagon came to assist as soon as they were able. There was discussion regarding a plan in the event of another major snowfall, including requesting assistance from Lake Namakagon, the Town of Drummond, as well as Bayfield County Highway Department. Manager Nichols requested that hangar owners call him promptly when they encounter issues at the airport. The airport is hopeful to have additional airport-owned snow removal equipment by Spring 2027. Thank you to the road crews of Cable and Namakagon for your work following the storm.

Rezoning and Land Ownership

Further discussion in January.

Terminal Restoration Update

Blinds were installed in the terminal windows. Thank you to Kay Rowe and Ray and Heidi Ebert for selecting the blinds and Commissioner Ebert for installing them. The project was significantly under budget (\$2,000 was budgeted, actual cost was \$588).

Future Airport Events

None at this time.

Tree Clearing

The Gordon Correctional Facility submitted an invoice for \$2,600, including the work done in October and the remaining hours from 2024.

2026 Tractor Acquisition Discussion

Commissioner Garceau reported he has been in contact with Mr. Davidson, and 3CU would like to get the standard package, including a tractor, plow, blower, and broom. He also spoke with Neil Matheson, Solon Springs, who has purchased used equipment, and Paul Wilhelm, Madeline Island, who recently acquired a tractor, plow, broom, and blower. Funding is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2026, with a projected delivery date of equipment in the spring of 2027.

Items for Next Agenda:

Bayfield County Board

Correspondence

Deer Culling - DNR Nuisance Tags

Telemark Rd Easement/Matt Pobloske Requesting Approval from the Airport

Discussion & Possible Action-Phase II Electricity Installation Cost Settlement to Hangar Owners

Rezoning & Land Ownership

Future Airport Events

Donated 2nd Courtesy Car
2026 Tractor Acquisition Discussion

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 19, 2026, at the Airport Terminal at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.