

**3CU AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2026 – 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, Commissioner Jeff Hurula, Airport Manager Mike Nichols, Treasurer Dale Kruse, Secretary Holly Holly.

Virtual: Commissioners Ray Ebert, Joe Garceau, Bob Rasmussen, Jeff Smits

Guests

Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Sue Rosa, Bayfield County Board

Virtual: Steve Bruss, Hangar Owner

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Rasmussen to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hurula. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2026

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

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures:	\$ 50,173.74
Receipts:	\$ 78,264.58 (\$ 41.15, 2 fuel sales)
Balance on 1/31/26:	\$120,709.01

Treasurer Kruse reported that the Town of Namakagon has paid \$6,000 of the \$12,000 requested, with the balance scheduled to be paid in July, according to Commissioner Rasmussen. Bayfield County, Town of Cable, and Town of Drummond have paid the annual rate of \$12,000/each, and 13 hangar owners have paid their annual lease fees. ABFS will be invoiced for \$2,500, and the five-year agreement will be renegotiated in 2026.

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

Treasurer Kruse received proof of insurance from Nels Hanson. The lease agreement states the hangar owner will provide insurance only if requested.

Manager's Report

Mr. Nichols reported that the quote to replace the fuel hose, nozzle, motor, and reel is approximately \$5,900 for assembly and installation. Colin Davidson, BOA, explained that federal funding would not cover this maintenance expense, but replacing the fuel system can be added to a future petition, which would qualify for state funding. The commission agreed to cover the cost of repairing/replacing the affected parts at this time; Manager Nichols will check with Moberg Electric to have the motor rebuilt. In 2019, replacing the fuel system was added to the petition, but was inadvertently removed in 2022. The commission will revisit adding it back to the petition for future replacement.

Mike Olson, ABFS Drone Coordinator, held a conference call last week, which Manager Nichols attended. They have a designated command center and a detailed plan in place for all drone operations. They will post a NOTAM, and will have a maximum flying height of 300'.

The governor landed at 3CU in February for a visit with the Birkebeiner Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

Update BOA/Environmental Assessment (EA)

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

UW-Milwaukee and Chairman Rowe signed a contract to complete the memo for the NEPA Study as requested by Mr. Davidson. Mr. Davidson has been communicating with UW-Milwaukee and is confident the memo will satisfy the NEPA Study request. UW-Milwaukee quoted a fee of \$1,200 for the memo, which will be paid from the electrical installation fund and is expected to be completed within three months. Mr. Volker thanked Chairman Rowe for negotiating the cost to keep it reasonable for hangar owners while working with UW-Milwaukee to eliminate the need for a site visit by utilizing Google Earth and photographs.

Hangar owners are encouraged to start construction as soon as possible so they are covered under this current study.

Hangar owners are reminded to be aware of the status of road ban limits this spring when having building materials delivered. Manager Nichols will also email hangar owners as a reminder.

The virtual EA meeting previously scheduled for 1/28/26 has been postponed to 2/25/26, 9:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Davidson reported that payment issues for the SRE building have been addressed, and construction has resumed. He also reported that the tractor package is moving forward with an estimated cost of \$625,000, using entitlements and apportionment moneys. Cost to the airport is estimated to be 5-10% of the total. Chairman Rowe and Commissioner Garceau will provide any needed information to the BOA as necessary.

Mr. Volker thanked Commissioner Garceau for his input on the electrical for the SRE building door and for allowing contractors to view his hangar. Mr. Volker also made himself available to Steve Maciosek, the new owner of the former golf clubhouse, if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bayfield County Board - Sue Rosa

No updates at this time.

Assignment of Hangar Site #12

Chairman Rowe received a request from John Pohle to change the name on his hangar lease to his LLC, based on his attorney's advice for potential leasing of his hangar in the future. A new lease would be written to replace the original.

Motion by Commissioner Hurula to approve the assignment of hangar site #12 to allow John Pohle to change the owner's name on the lease agreement to Dancing Loon Aviation, LLC, 688 Boat Landing Alley, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464, seconded by Commissioner Garceau. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None at this time.

FAA Directed NEPA Study for Phase II Hangars

Addressed in the BOA discussion above.

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

Addressed in the BOA discussion above.

Discussion of Telemark Road Easement–Matt Pobloske

Commissioner Rasmussen will contact Attorney John Carlson and request that he contact Matt Pobloske's attorney to draft a resolution for the three towns to sign, nullifying the golf course

easement. Chairman Rowe requested that each town add this item to their March meeting agendas, and he will work with Mr. Pobloske to have a resolution by the meeting. Mr. Volker will email the existing golf course easement to all commissioners.

Discussion and Possible Action – Second Courtesy Car Donation

No update.

Rezoning and Land Ownership

No update.

Future Airport Events

No events at this time.

Tree Clearing

The Gordon Correctional Facility crew has been scheduled for the last two weeks of October 2026. Commissioner Hurula will coordinate reserving the wood chipper.

2026 Tractor Acquisition Discussion

Addressed in BOA discussion above.

Items for Next Agenda:

Bayfield County Board

Historical Museum Items

Correspondence

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, March 16, 2026, at the Airport Terminal at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.