

**3CU AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 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 Smits, Airport Manager Mike Nichols, Treasurer Dale Kruse, Secretary Holly Holly.

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

Guests

Sue Rosa, Bayfield County

Virtual: Brad Volker, Cooper Engineering

Blake Bristow, Nels Hanson - Hangar Owner

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2026

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

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures:	\$ 33,733.62
Receipts:	\$ 29,354.90 (\$579.74, 5 fuel sales)
Balance on 02/28/26:	\$116,330.29

Treasurer Kruse reported expected receipts include \$6,000 - Town of Namakagon to be paid this spring, annual lease payments from two hangar tenants, and American Birkebeiner parking fees.

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

Manager's Report

Mr. Nichols reported that the airport is currently closed due to recent heavy snow. The Cable Town Road crew will plow the runway and around runway lights on Tuesday, 3/17/26.

Commissioner Hurula knows an individual who is willing to assist him in determining if the hose reel is repairable and will evaluate it when the weather permits.

OLD BUSINESS

Update BOA/Environmental Assessment (EA)

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

Mr. Davidson was not present. Mr. Volker reported that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. to review the EA. This meeting is primarily meant to be informational for Mr. Davidson and to provide a clear picture of the work done by previous BOA Project Managers (established runway length, turf runway, etc.). There will not be a quorum present.

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

The SRE building should be ready for occupancy in the near future with just a few things to be completed (review electrical and outside work when the snow is gone). A special permit for the dry well with floor drain requires regular reports; Mr. Volker is providing three clipboards to be displayed near the service entrance (two with forms to be completed and one with permit information).

NEW BUSINESS

Bayfield County Board - Sue Rosa

No updates at this time.

Correspondence

Chairman Rowe responded to an inquiry from Bayfield County regarding dwellings within hangars. He responded that hangar owners are aware of and responsible for adhering to county codes, FARs, and zoning guidelines.

Discussion & Possible Action – Historical Museum Items

Chairman Rowe presented a letter from 1962 from John Batton to Libby Pedon, including the history of the airport. The Cable Namakagon Historical Museum is requesting that the Cable Union Airport donate it and several other artifacts (aircraft mobile, wooden propeller, and a sign) to the museum for proper preservation and display; providing copies of the letter in perpetuity.

Commissioner Rasmussen made a motion to donate a letter from John H. Batten to Libby Pedon in 1962 detailing airport history to the Cable Namakagon Historical Museum for preservation,

with the first right of refusal if at any time the museum does not choose to maintain ownership, seconded by Commissioner Smits. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smits to donate the sign, airplane mobile, and wooden propeller to the Cable Namakagon Historical Museum, seconded by Commissioner Hurula. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Gun Club Improvements

Karl Kastrosky and Larry Nelson invited Chairman Rowe to view recent improvements to the Gun Club as a neighborly gesture. Improvements include raising of existing berms for noise abatement/safety, eaves on the rifle shooting area have been lowered so muzzles cannot exceed the vertically designed space, club members are being provided with cards allowing access to the range, and new signage is being added to the club, making patrons aware of the nearby airport.

FAA Directed NEPA Study for Phase II Hangars

UW-Milwaukee has completed the memo that satisfies the NEPA Study. It is a 10-page document stating that the proposed hangars do not constitute an adverse effect on the Cable Union Airport, a copy has been sent to Mr. Davidson, BOA. The invoice is anticipated to be \$1,200. Mr. Volker believes it will cover hangars being built within the next three years.

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

Tabled until the NEPA Study invoice is received.

Discussion of Telemark Road Easement–Matt Pobloske

Commissioner Hurula sent a request to Attorney Carlson, but has not received any response to date. Tabled until a response is received.

Discussion and Possible Action – Second Courtesy Car Donation

No update.

Rezoning and Land Ownership

No update.

Future Airport Events

Manager Nichols requested Tuesday, June 23, 2026, as the Hamburger Fly-In date. August 1, 2026, will be the Young Eagle event.

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. Commissioner Smits will request the Town of Cable Road Crew to bulldoze where clearing has been done to date so that a brush hog can keep it maintained, preventing the need for future clearing.

2026 Tractor Acquisition Discussion

No update at this time.

Items for Next Agenda:

Bayfield County Board

Correspondence

Town of Cable Bulldozing

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, April 20, 2026, at the Airport Terminal at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.