

Menomonie Airport Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2023

The Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order by Chairman Dr. Dan Johnson at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 25, 2023 in the KLUM Terminal Conference Room. Other Commission members present included: Steven Lee, Randy Sommerfeld, and Kerry McCauley.

Others in attendance included: David Schofield (City of Menomonie), Darrel Gibson (Gibson Aviation) and Tim Olsen.

Johnson asked for public comments. Olsen asked about through-the-fence operations from properties to the southeast of the airport. Schofield indicated that there have been some discussions. At a minimum the City would require the property to be annexed to the City. Johnson noted that there would likely be fees for use.

Minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting were approved by acclimation.

Schofield provided an update regarding the master plan. SEH has received information from Gibson regarding based aircraft and operations and is working through draft forecasts. SEH should have a draft inventory chapter for review in the near future. SEH will attend the November Airport Commission. The Master Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee will meet again on December 12.

Johnson and Gibson summarized the issues with the PAPIs. Schofield noted that the City has ordered replacement bulbs and expects to receive them by November 13. Johnson noted that it would be desirable to upgrade to LED. Schofield noted that WisBOA has expressed reservation about replacing the PAPIs less than 10 years old. Schofield will follow up with WisBOA regarding repair/replacement.

Gibson provided an update on the AWOS. Has been online, other than the precipitation discriminator, since October 12. Schofield will follow up with WisBOA regarding repair/replacement.

Schofield provided an update on the transient hangar project. SEH has created a QR code linked to an online survey. Gibson has forwarded the survey to interested parties. Gibson noted that Wisconsin Rapids did a nice job reaching out to local businesses and soliciting letters of support. Lee indicated that he would be willing to help.

Gibson presented the Airport Manager's Report. Johnson asked about James Stauffer and Shane Arneson on the waiting list.

Gibson provided an update regarding the WisBOA crackfilling project. Mostly done except intersections. City will crackfill the remainder of Runway 18/36 next year. Schofield noted that contractor has inquired if pavement markings could be delayed until Spring 2024. No

Johnson noted that this would avoid damage by snow removal equipment to the new pavement markings.

Schofield asked if the aerobic box was still in active use. Johnson indicated that the primary user that had pushed for it has moved away. Gibson noted that it was cumbersome to use as it had to be requested in advance and could only remain in use for a short period.

Schofield asked if there were any items for the November 15 meeting. Johnson noted that he would be bringing his hangar plans to the next Commission meeting and offered to write a Guide to Hangar Construction.

Motion to adjourn approved by acclimation at 6:20pm

Submitted by:  
David Schofield

Recording Secretary