

AITKIN AIRPORT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AITKIN CITY HALL

April 4, 2019

4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gary Tibbitts, Jim Larson, Mark Wedel, John Welle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Peterson


ALSO PRESENT: Kathleen Ryan, Ron Roetzel, Pete Dunn

1. Call to Order: Chairman Tibbitts called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Additions: New Business; NDB Building. Old Business; Crack Repair Update. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Jim Larson and seconded by Mark Wedel. All aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 meeting was made by Mark Wedel and seconded by Jim Larson. All aye.
4. Maintenance & FBO Report.  
Equipment Usage Report – March 2019
5. Old Business.  
**Crack Repair** – Ron Roetzel told the Commission the crack repair project will be complete the week of April 29 to May 3 provided the temperatures cooperate.
6. New Business.  
**Fannemel Property** – Rich Fannemel is interested in selling his property that adjoins the airport and is wondering if the Commission would be interested in purchasing. He said he would be willing to offer it at a lower price than was discussed in the past.

**SRE/Plow Truck Quotes** - A quote for the truck chassis from Mack, Freightliner, International and Western Star have been received. The components were quoted by Towmaster, this cost is in addition to the chosen chassis. Welle commented that it could take 6 – 12 months to receive the completed truck. However, he would like more time to compare the quotes to determine which quote is the best value. Ron Roetzel said the decision does not need to be made until June 1<sup>st</sup>. John Welle will review the quotes in detail and bring a recommendation back to the Commission for discussion.

**NDB Building** – Jim Larson reported that the Non-Directional Beacon has been in use since the 1950's. Pilots are now using GPS and parts and repair are becoming impossible, Larson feels that it is time for the Commission should decommission the beacon. Pete Dunn will reach out to a few contacts that he believes still use the beacon and ask their opinion. Larson will reach out to MNDOT to find out what the process is if the decision is to decommission the beacon. Further discussion will be had at the May meeting.

7. Approval of Bills. A motion to approve the March payments in the amount of \$6,351.41 was made by Mark Wedel and seconded by Rich Peterson. All aye.
8. Comments from Visitors. None.
9. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 was made by Mark Wedel and seconded by Jim Larson. All aye.

  
Mayor Gary Tibbitts

  
Kathleen Ryan  
City Administrator/Airport Manager