



**AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2021**

ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 7:00 AM

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Dial-In Information: 1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 811 8825 4073

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by T. Waarvik at 7:10 a.m.

Members present: F. Ahlman, M. Brown, C. Hooper, P. Johnson & T. Waarvik

Members absent: M. Brown, D. Nelson, W. Smith

Airport Staff present: J. Serres

Staff present: T. Block, T. Manz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 17, 2021, were submitted for approval. A motion was made by P. Johnson, seconded by C. Hooper for approval of the minutes of February 17, 2021. Motion passed.

3. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Operations are going well and airport activity is picking up. The beacon motor needs to be rebuilt and repairs are underway.

4. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

T. Block is working with MnDOT to finalize tornado damage recovery. He will be submitting an additional \$106,000 with MnDOT covering 100% of the costs. HSEM takes longer to process and we are waiting for confirmation of payment. That leaves \$40,000 that wasn't covered under

insurance, MnDOT and HSEM, which is more than initially anticipated. The FAA also released Cares Act funds, which can be applied to debt services such as the hangar loan.

Signs are scheduled to be installed on Friday. Window treatments have been ordered.

Community Development has assisted in preparing a marketing brochure. There may be EDA financing available for a new business locating at the airport. Further conversations to take place on this matter.

The Soil Conservation Co-op would like to hold a program to show local ag producers what they are doing with over-seeding as a way to prevent erosion.

P. Johnson asked if we had any updates from Cross Country Soaring. J. Serres heard he would start operations on May 1.

T. Block met with representatives of the FAA regarding the runway extension. Many challenges were pointed out especially anything above what's listed in the Master Plan. T. Block will present a summary of the discussion at the next meeting. The FAA also indicated they would be happy to join a meeting to discuss this further. An extension would not warrant discussion unless there were at least 500 operations. Faribault's current operations are just half of that. Unless there were drastic changes it would be at least ten years for a justifiable change.

5. OTHER

C. Hooper asked if Faribault would be written across the ramp as before. Serres indicated it is still there but needs to be refreshed. The compass should be relocated to the west end runoff area. C. Hooper will make contacts for this.

6. NEXT AIRPORT BOARD MEETING: April 21, 2021

7. ADJOURN: T. Waarvik adjourned the meeting at 7:35 a.m.