



**AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 7:00 AM

Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 – Meeting by Telephone or Other Electronic Means; Conditions - Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 provides that a meeting of a public body may be conducted via telephone or other electronic means if meeting in a public location is not practical or prudent ndemic or declared emergency. Dial-In Information: 1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID:894 7159 7178

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by T. Waarvik at 7:00 a.m.

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

Airport Staff present: J. Serres

Staff present: T. Block

Others present: M. Knoff, Foth Infrastructures and Environment LLC

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 19, 2020, were submitted for approval. A motion was made by M. Brown, seconded by C. Hooper for approval of the minutes of August 19, 2020. Motion passed.

3. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

The move into the new facility has been completed, and Serres is happy to be centrally located. The airport has a lot of activity. Jim Nielsen’s hangar is near completion.

4. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

P. Johnson didn’t think the rebuild would take this long, but it was worth the wait. Quality over quantity. J. Serres commended Travis for his overseeing the project. SteinAir and Barry Jaeger discussed some ideas that worked out for the new facility as well. This is a tremendous improvement to the previous building and looks like the similar styles of SteinAir and the A/D building were planned. Lazy Boy chairs and a TV should be added to the pilots lounge. Jerry indicated a TV is

planned for the conference room and fiber is being run to the building. Jerry is looking into getting a phone number to call in for weather with the State.

5. OTHER – RUNWAY EXTENSION

The potential runway extension to 5000' was discussed at a Joint Council Committee and the Airport Advisory Board on September 15, 2020. T. Block provided background information, along with relevant portions of the Master Plan referring to the timeline of a future runway extension. J. Serres thanked D. Nelson and B. Smith for their efforts in providing additional information. T. Waarvik felt Serres made a good point about the number of employees at the airport increasing from 12 to 70. The Council response to the expansion was favorable.

5000' was off the table when the Master Plan was developed due to additional costs, including land acquisitions and road reconfiguration of Canby Avenue. B. Smith recommended getting shareholders involved and asked what the Board could do to help. He indicated a willingness to research potential companies.

M. Knoff indicated the first step is to get approval from the FAA for a Master Plan Amendment. He pointed out that Mankato funded their expansion on their own and the FAA came up with funding, including land acquisition after the expansion. Knoff also noted a precision approach is required for 5,100' which adds additional costs. GPS is now preferred over ILS. The support of Legislators could help forward the project along. Mankato used a specialized firm to assist with surveys and compiling a list of potential companies.

6. NEXT AIRPORT BOARD MEETING: October 21, 2020

7. ADJOURN: T. Waarvik adjourned the meeting at 7:52 a.m.