

Hastings City/Barry County Airport Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2024

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Teunessen at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. Teunessen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. Roll was taken. Members Present: Teunessen, Tossava, Smelker, and Nesbitt.
Member Absent: Holley.

Approval of Agenda. It was proposed to add two items to the agenda under New Business:
Item A: Authorization Letter and Item B: Authorization of Spending for Feasibility Study.

Motion by Smelker, second by Tossava to approve the agenda for the February 28, 2024 meeting as amended. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Limited Public Comment. A representative of the Hastings Flying Association (Ross) noted that they would not be able use their regular hangar for the annual Dawn Patrol Event. Other possibilities are being discussed.

Approval of Minutes. There were no modifications proposed for the draft minutes of the January 24, 2024 regular meeting of the Airport Commission.

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2024 regular meeting of the Airport Commission as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Financial Reports. Commission members reviewed the financial statements. No comments or questions were presented.

Motion by Tossava, second by Nesbitt to accept and place on file the financial report for January 2024. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Old Business. Discussion with Tomy Cordova regarding eviction issue.

Attorney Michael Dantuma was present to represent Mr. Cordova and Ms. Stephanie Fekkes. Mr. Dantuma explained that his clients are focused on moving forward. He distributed copies of communications between himself and Attorney McPhillips. Commission members indicated they would also like to move forward. Mr. Dantuma requested that he be provided with specifics about the “dangerous acts” his client was alleged to have engaged in so that they could be addressed. Mr. Dantuma further requested that the lease issue be resolved with proposed terms in writing. The Commissioners responded that everyone at the airport has the same month-to-month lease, with some exercising an option to pay one year in advance, and that they were not interested in having different lease agreements for different people. It was stated by Mr.

Dantuma and confirmed by the Commissioners' response that if Mr. Cordova sent in payment for a year that it would be accepted by the airport.

New Business.

Item A: Letter of Authorization. Noteboom explained that the Commission needed to authorize representatives to sign agreements on behalf of the Airport.

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to authorize Teunessen and Holley to sign contracts on behalf of the Airport Commission. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Item B: Authorization of Spending for Feasibility Study. Noteboom explained the upcoming grant for improvements to the airport terminal and that the required match would be about \$400,000 with \$200,000 coming from the airport fund, \$100,000 from the City of Hastings through a loan and \$100,000 from Barry County, also through a loan. Approval from both the City and the County still need to take place. To proceed with the next phase of the grant, an independent firm would need to review the feasibility of the project which would cost between \$6,000 - \$10,000.

Motion by Tossava, second by Nesbitt to authorize spending up to \$10,000 for the feasibility study, subject to city and county approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Teunessen, Tossava, Smelker, Nesbitt.

Voting No: None.

Absent: Holley.

Motion Carried.

Airport Manager's Report. Noteboom provided comments from the written manager's report. Noteboom stated that he could attend the City Council meeting on March 11, 2024 to explain the various requests by the airport. Noteboom requested that it be added to the next agenda that the commission discuss confirmation of a previous agreement that he can occupy the front portion of the hangar he uses for an indefinite period of time. He stated that it was not included in previous meeting minutes.

Board Comments. Commissioners thanked Mr. Cordova for attending the meeting.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Adjournment.

Motion by Smelker, second by Nesbitt to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. All members present voting yes; motion carried.