

Airport Commission Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held in-person at the Platteville Airport, 5157 HWY 80, Platteville, WI

I. Commission Meeting Call to Order - Chair @ 6:00 p.m.

- a. Attendance – Commission Members: Doug Bartlett (P), Jim Berglund (P), Dennis Cooley (P), Lynnette Dornak (P), Bill Kloster (P), Brian Whisenant (P). Others: Bob Gates (City Council Representative), Nicola Maurer (Staff Liaison to the Airport Commission), Rison Pereira (Airport Manager). Guests: Ben Udelhofen, Ian Oplatek, Monte Glodowski, Dr. Ragaby (Virtual) (all from UW-P), Brett Frizzell (Keller, Inc.)
- b. Quorum achieved.

II. Approval of Minutes - Secretary

- a. Motion by Doug to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024; second by Brian. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizens Comments, Observations and Petitions – Chair

- a. Brett Frizzell from Keller, Inc. introduced himself. Keller is a major builder of metal buildings and does a lot of municipal work.

IV. Proposed Acrobatic competition at the Airport – Mr. Bartlett

- a. Doug will present next month.

V. 2025 Budget, Final Action – Chair, APEXEJC

- a. We already approved the budget at the last meeting.

VI. Updates

- a. Cropland Reduction, FAA Review –No new information.
- b. Senior Design Student Projects – Civil Matters LLC (UW-P Senior Project Team) presented their objectives, the project scope and possible upgrades and cost estimates for the T-hangar and SRE building.
 - i. T-Hangar:
 1. Structural Members – Most structural members have surface rust and corrosion. They need to confirm that the structure can support required weight. They recommend rehabilitation (sandblasting and repainting) We agreed.
 2. T-Hangar Partition Walls - They recommend replacing the damaged panels and extending existing panels up to the ceiling (We want to compare the cost of replacing the damaged vs putting up new walls).
 3. Exterior – They recommend replacing all of the siding. We agree.

- ii. SRE Building
 - 1. Roof Alternatives – They recommend raising the entire roof with spliced columns. (We would like a comparison of raising the entire room versus a portion of the roof).
 - 2. Floor Alternatives – They recommend a new concrete floor. (We would like a cost comparison of crushed rock vs asphalt vs concrete).
 - 3. New Access Door – They recommend a new double-sliding access door in the rear. (We suggested two tall sliding doors, one on the front and one on the side. This would require adding an approach and we asked that they provide a cost estimate for this option).
 - 4. Exterior Siding – They suggested leaving it as it is. (We agree).
- c. Department of Transportation Petition Resolution Status – Bill got everything straightened out with the BOA and gave copies of the response to Rison and the City.
- d. City Matters – Nothing to add.

VII. Treasurer’s Report, September 2024 – Treasurer

- a. Monthly Income Review – \$43,566.21
- b. Monthly Expenses Review – \$18,920.83
- c. Motion by Bob to pay the bills in the amount of \$57,280.49 and accept the treasurer’s report; second by Dennis. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Manager’s Report - APEXEJC

- a. Flight Training – No update on a plane.
- b. Equipment Repairs - Laryy and Rison got all of the equipment ready to go for the winter.
- c. T-Hangar Agreements – Everyone has paid. New rates begin January 1.
- d. Operations – Operations have surpassed the past two years for the month of September.
- e. Marketing – We will be focusing more on hangars on the website.
- f. Sales
 - i. We sold more fuel this September than in the past two Septembers combined.
 - ii. QTpod would not take payments, so Rison had to order a new part. As a result, we were not able to sell jet fuel for a couple days.
- g. Rison has started Certified Member training.
- h. APEX is now called APEX Aero Center.
- i. All of our websites are up-to-date.

IX. CLOSED SESSION per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) - Chair

Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Renewal of APEX Airport Services Contract. Dennis made a motion to go into closed session; second by Jim. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Motion to return to Open Session – Motion by Bobto return to open session; second by Lynette. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Return to Open Session, Action from Closed Session

- a. Dennis made a motion to approve an extension of the contract with APEX through a negotiated agreement; second by Brian. Motion passed unanimously

XII. Adjournment - Chair

- a. Motion by Bill to adjourn; second by Brian. Motion passed unanimously at 8:08 p.m.