

Hastings City / Barry County Airport Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Bowers at 4:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Bowers led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call.** Roll was taken. Present: Smelker, Bowers and Tossava. Absent: Conner and Holley.
4. **Approval of Agenda.** Bowers asked for any additions or amendments to the agenda. Noteboom requested the addition of

- Rental of hangar to Todd Voshell (9.B.)

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to approve the agenda for today's meeting including the additions as requested.

In favor: Smelker, Bowers and Tossava.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Conner and Holley.

Motion carried.

5. **Limited Public Comment.** Bowers asked for limited comment from the public. No comment was forwarded.
6. **Approval of Minutes.** Bowers asked for comments regarding the draft minutes of the January 22, 2020 regular meeting of the Airport Commission.

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 regular meeting of the Airport Commission.

In favor: Smelker, Bowers and Tossava.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Conner and Holley.

Motion carried.

7. **Financial Reports.** Bowers introduced discussion regarding the November and December 2019 and January 2020 Airport Fund financial reports. Brown was not present, so Noteboom asked if there were any questions.

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to accept and place on file the financial reports for November 2019, December 2019, and January 2020.

In favor: Smelker, Bowers and Tossava.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Conner and Holley.

Motion carried.

8. **Old Business.** Tossava noted that the sale was brought up to the Hastings City Council and Czarnecki is to discuss with Bob Buchanan to check on the feasibility.

Smelker asked if the Airport attorney should get involved.

Noteboom told by MDOT that would have to work with feds. Five airports in the country have moved from public to private, none in Michigan. This board would have to submit an application to the FAA. If it is accepted, then move forward. The process can be stopped at any time.

Tossava wants to make sure there is no conflict of interest.

Noteboom stated that down the line this board could have the feds come in and talk.

9. **New Business.** Bowers introduced new business.

- a. Last meeting the Board was asked to consider moving the Airport Commission meetings from 4:30pm to 10:00am on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Tossava noted that the meeting could be moved to 10:00am and then moved back if it was not working.

Smelkers asked the audience if anyone had an issue with moving the meeting time. No comment was forwarded.

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to move the Airport Commission meetings to 10:00am on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

In favor: Smelker, Bowers and Tossava.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Conner and Holley.

Motion carried.

- b. Noteboom shared a letter from Todd Voshell to request a reduction in the hangar rent to \$1100 for a large hangar for the first 12 months. After 12 months would revisit a potentially increase back to the \$1300 per month.

Voshell been at the Airport for 10 years and continues to grow.

Noteboom stated that Voshell has brought many people to the Airport – many of which came out of Grand Rapids. This will help Voshell to continue to grow his business. Noteboom recommended that the Board approve the reduction in lease.

Bowers asked if the new hanger would be used for maintenance work. Voshell answered yes.

Smelker asked if Voshell would use both hangars for maintenance. Voshell answered yes.

Noteboom noted that Voshell has four employees and the Airport needs him there.

Voshell stated that he appreciates being able to be at the field.

Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to reduce the lease amount for Voshell to use a large hangar to \$1100.

In favor: Smelker, Bowers and Tossava.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Conner and Holley.

Motion carried.

10. **Airport Manager's Report.** Bowers introduced discussion regarding the Airport Manger's Report for February 2020. Noteboom presented and explained the Airport Manager's report.
11. **Board Comments.** Bowers asked for additional comments from the Airport Commission. No comments were forwarded.
12. **Limited Public Comment.** Bowers asked for limited comment from the public. No comment was forwarded
13. **Adjournment.** Motion by Tossava, second by Smelker to adjourn at 4:49 p.m.

Motion carried.

Submitted by: Jerry Czarnecki, Administrative Secretary