

MEETING MINUTES
AIRPORT OPERATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.
Waukesha County Airport
Terminal Building Conference Room
2525 Aviation Drive

In Attendance.

Commissioners: Mike Crowley, Stephen Betzler, Abby Lorenz, Shawn McCauley, Kurt Weis

Excused: Sarah McCalvy

Staff: Kurt Stanich, Aimee Scrima

Others: John Anderson, Jason Curran, John Gebhard, Andrew Groth, Brandon Rissley, Chris Stein,

Public comment/correspondence.

Public comment made by John Anderson, owner of Anderson Landscape & Maintenance LLC and snow removal contractor for the Waukesha County Airport. Anderson wanted to make an introduction to the Commission and make himself available for questions and feedback regarding operations. Anderson states it is his intention to work with the County and airport to find a resolution on budget constraints. He states his directive was to keep the airfield open and states there is a disconnect regarding the needs and requirement of snow removal on an airfield compared to roadways and wants to bridge gap as it equates to pricing.

Approve or Modify Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023.

Meeting Minutes approved by Commissioner McCauley and second offered by Commissioner Lorenz. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report.

Compliment on airport's portion of the Waukesha JanBoree event.

Operations Report.

January 2023 Fuel Farm Flowage: Jet A fuel sales decreased by .81% in January 2023 compared to January 2022. No upload of 100LL. Overall total gallons are down -6.10%.

Tower Operations: Total Traffic decreased by -22.22% compared to January last year. General Aviation decreased -23.28%, Air Taxi decreased by -6.61% and there were 25 military aircraft, in January 2023 the same in 2022.

Regional airports comparison for January 2023 shows Kenosha just slightly ahead of Waukesha but both ahead of Janesville, Waukegan, and Timmeman for general Aviation operations.

T-hangar roofs in process of getting repaired and replaced.

Manager's Report.

Letter was sent to John Gebhardt, individual who made public comment last commission meeting regarding price increases on land leases. Letter was signed by the Airport Commissioners.

JanBoree was a huge success which included an afternoon session in the terminal and the movie, Top Gun: Maverick in Atlantic Aviation's hangar. Kurt Stanich thanked our participating organizations and stated approximately 1,000 people came through the airport that day, the most ever for this event.

Aimee Scrima, Ops Supervisor, will be going on maternity leave and Maddie McLennard will be stepping up and putting in more hours.

Airport Director reports budget review is in continual progress, including snow removal budget challenges and opportunities. In order to meet operational needs, airport is working on ways to cut \$190,000 out of the budget.

Airport Director is looking to move forward with the runway safety project which would include a land acquisition process that has to be done by September 1st. If done on time, the Slivernail Road project would be done in 2024, otherwise it would be 2025 and runway would be completed in 2026.

Parking lot Rehabilitation project is in process. Item was not on today agenda so a Special Commission Meeting will have to take place in March for the Board to approve item. Price increase went from approximately 1.5M to 2.1M so airport is working with Bureau of Aeronautic to cut down costs.

Further talk about state eliminating personal property taxes at the airport and reasons as to why the snow removal fees have increased.

Waukesha has the most based aircraft in the state of Wisconsin at 273, which is a new record. Airport needs t-hangars to be completed as soon as possible and waitlist is still in place with more than 30 people.

Future Commission Items.

Property tax discussion.

Date needed for Special Commission Meeting

Adjourn Meeting.

Motion to adjourn offered by Commissioner Lorenz and second offered by Commission Weis. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kurt J Weis

Secretary

Waukesha County Airport Operations Commission