

Pella Airport Committee Meeting – February 26 2021

Members Present: Rick Gritters ,Tom Vander Linden(phone), Eric Recker, Ted Zylstra, Sid Pinney, Matt Hutchinson(phone) **Members Absent:** None **Others Present:** Shane Vande Voort(phone), Denny Buyert

Approval of Minutes: Previous minutes reviewed and amended as follows:

Regional Airport Update: (1) Paragraph 1, Sentence 4 should read “The new airport will be located 10 miles east of Pella, with an initial 5,500 ft. main runway, and include sufficient land to accommodate an ultimate length 6,700 ft. main runway and a 3,500 ft. cross runway.”

(2) Paragraph 3, Sentence 1 should read “The last regional meeting occurred on Wednesday the 27th of January, 2021.” Motion by Pinney with support by Recker. Passed unanimously.

Update: Committee Member David Erickson has not yet been replaced. Suggest that Committee members submit names to Mayor DeWaard for possible appointment to Committee to replace Dave Erickson.

Regional Airport Update: Penney attended 02/24/2021 meeting of Board. Barnes has resigned from the board and has not yet been replaced. Pinney’s term expires 03/31/2021 and he is being replaced by Dave Corbin, a Vermeer VP.

Airport Managers report to the committee: Report attached

AWOS replacement is being fast tracked rather than waiting for new budget year which begins in July. Denny Buyert reports that he is in daily contact with firm installing electric gate to get project completed.

New Business: Discussion of holding Flight Breakfast during annual Tulip Time Festival in May. Consensus was to hold event of some form. Methodist Church has indicated willingness to work with Airport Committee to provide food for event following appropriate guidelines. ACIP and city airport budgets were reviewed and discussed. Denny Buyert to provide explanation and context on several items. Committee wants to make sure we keep tabs on how rental income for land purchased for Regional airport is used.

Final Comments: None

Adjourn: Motion by Recker, support by Pinney. Passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting will take place on March 26 2021