

**Decorah Airport Commission
Meeting Minutes
Airport Lounge**

November 11, 2013 – 7:00am

- 1) Roll Call
Attending: David Bakken, Cy Nelson, Brett Willie, and Nina Taylor. Absent: Joe Grimstad.
Staff present: Mike Connell and Chad Bird.

- 1) Discussion and possible action on snowmobile use across airport land
Dave Hanson was present to ask permission for the Winneshiek Trail Twisters snowmobile club to use part of the airport property for their snowmobile route as it transverses the Southeast part of Decorah. There was general discussion about the route and how the club marks the trail. The commission asked that the club post signage that forbids access to the runway. Mr. Hanson noted that he will do so and thought that there was such signage already.

Taylor moved and Nelson seconded a motion to allow the Winneshiek Trail Twisters access to the airport property for a snowmobile trail.
Ayes – unanimous. Motion carried.

- 2) Consider approval of claims
Taylor moved and Willie seconded a motion to approve claims as presented.
Ayes – unanimous. Motion carried

- 3) Consider approval of minutes
Willie moved and Nelson seconded approval of minutes October 14, 2013 meeting.
Ayes – unanimous. Motion carried.

- 4) Discussion on hangars, CIP and grant ALP
There was general discussion regarding the hangars at the airport and how to proceed with a hangar construction project. Dr. Bakken asked about the timeline of the projects and funding sources. There was discussion about the NPIAS funding and how a funding plan would be developed. The commission wanted to set priorities for the projects as follows; use current NPIAS funding for runway sealing project, then for regular hangars and corporate hangar. They also would like to utilize laDOT grants for hangar projects.

- 5) Discussion on possible land acquisition
No report – Bird did discuss a residential housing concept with the commission for consideration.

- 6) Airport Manager's Report
Connell noted that the laDOT representative was on site to review trees as an obstacle. He was pleased with the tree removal across Hwy 9 and wanted to see some clean up on trees on airport property to the east end (29) runway. Connell noted he would work with City crews on the few trees that needed to be cleaned up.

- 7) Other business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15am

Submitted by:



Chad Bird
City Manager