

## **WAVERLY AIRPORT COMMISSION**

Minutes of meeting held Thursday, September 8, 2011

The meeting of the Waverly Airport Commission was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at the Waverly Airport. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dennis Hansen, Chairperson. Commission members present: Dennis Hansen, Mitch Bond, Kathryn Koob and Nick Williams. Also in attendance were: Mike Cherry, City Engineer; Kathy Olson, City Council Liaison; Brian Curtis, Cedar Valley Aviation; Fred Krumwiede, Mark Mueller and Duane Liddle.

The minutes of the August 11 meeting were approved by a motion of Mitch Bond and seconded by Nick Williams.

The August Financial Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Kathryn Koob and seconded by Mitch Bond. There were no bills submitted by Airport Manager Brian Curtis.

Reports/Announcements: Brian Curtis reported that fuel sales exceeded expectations in August, due in part to the many aerial applicator aircraft using the Waverly Airport as a base of operations. The airport's sales of over 6,000 gallons of aviation gasoline and over 5,000 gallons of Jet-A fuel was due mainly to the nine aerial application aircraft (six turbine-powered and three piston-powered) based at the Waverly Airport as well as Cedar Valley Aviation's turboprop-powered Piper Cheyenne. Brian reported that Aerial Services is planning on expanding its operations at the Waverly Airport by purchasing a LIDAR (Light Detection And Ranging) camera. This camera utilizes a laser beam to provide high resolution 3-D images, and can be used, for example, by power companies to survey their power lines. Brian also reported that he received several inquiries from pilots about the Waverly Airport's relatively low fuel prices, but they were put-off upon learning of the airport's short runway length. Finally, Brian reported that he had received an inquiry from an individual representing a European group interested in receiving flight training at the Waverly Airport. Shortly after this call, Brian was visited by the FBI as well as the Bremer County Sheriff who questioned him about this call.

There was no unfinished business, new business or tabled items for the Commission to discuss.

Project Status Report: City Engineer Mike Cherry reported that the Waverly Airport parking lot and access road improvements are a little ahead of schedule. However, there wasn't much activity this past week as the contractor is now going to have to treat the soil with fly ash to loosen it up. Further work on this project should begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Capital Improvement Program Runway Obstruction Survey also is proceeding on schedule.

Group Discussion: The *Cedar Valley Business Monthly* article of September 2011, highlighting Iowa's increased demand for crop-dusters, was discussed, and the fact that "agriculture's fingers reach into virtually every aspect of the local economy."

With no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Nick Williams and seconded by Mitch Bond.

Nick Williams, Commission Secretary pro tem