

HOUGHTON COUNTY MEMORIAL AIRPORT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HOUGHTON COUNTY MEMORIAL AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM

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**ROLL CALL:** Tim Palosaari – Present, Albert Koskela – Present, Tom Tikkanen - Present

**ATTENDEES:** Dennis Hext, Airport Manager, Eric Forsberg, Dennis Jouppe, Phil Anderson, Jim Koskiniemi, Russ Erkkila, Bill Voght, Justin Marier, Don Cline, Bob Bonini, Andre Soumis, George Eakin, Roger Kangas, Lori Lewis, and Becky Ylitalo.

**New Business, Agenda Items 2 & 3 were moved to the beginning of the meeting at the request of the Committee.**

**New Business, Agenda Item 2, “2006 Volvo Grader Sale”** - The following bids were received for the 2006 Volvo Grader. Paul Dice- \$1,118.04; J&A Penegor Inc.- \$63,051.00; Village of South Range- \$75,001.99.

A motion was made by Al Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to award the sale of the grader to the highest bidder- the Village of South Range for \$75,001.99.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**New Business, Agenda Item 3, “1977 Oshkosh Sno-Go Sale”**- The following bids were received for the 1977 Oshkosh Sno-Go. Paul Dice- \$1,118.04; and Andre Soumis.- \$5,155.00.

A motion was made by Tom Tikkanen and seconded by Al Koskela to award the sale of the Sno-Go to the highest bidder- Andre Soumis for \$5,155.00.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Public Hearing – “Water and Sewer Rates”** - A motion was made by Albert Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to open the Public Hearing regarding the Water and Sewer rates at 4:05 pm.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Water customer Roger Kangas expressed his concern regarding the proposed increase in the water rate. The committee informed Mr. Kangas about the increased costs to the system from improvements and maintenance to the lines. Michigan American also increased their rate as well.

A motion was made by Albert Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to close the Public Hearing regarding the Water and Sewer rates at 4:12 pm.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Albert Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Albert Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to approve the July 26, 2018 regular airport meeting minutes.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**BILLS:** A motion was made by Tom Tikkanen and seconded by Albert Koskela to approve and pay the bills as presented.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Roll call – Tim Palosaari - YES Albert Koskela - YES Tom Tikkanen – YES

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The County Administrator updated the Committee on the financials for the Airport and Water and Sewer system for the month of August 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Business, Agenda Item 1, “Water/Sewer Rates”-** The Airport Committee agreed to increase the water rate from \$20.40/ 1,000 gallons to \$23.00/ 1,000 gallons and the sewer rate from \$28.56/ 1,000 gallons to \$31.00/ 1,000 gallons. The increase would be effective with the October billing.

A motion was made by Tom Tikkanen and seconded by Albert Koskela to increase the water rate to \$23.00/1000 gallons and the sewer rate to \$31.00/1000 gallons effective during the October billing cycle.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**New Business, Agenda Item 4, “FAA AIP Grant 4318”-** The Airport Manager requested a motion to have the Airport Committee Chairman sign FAA grant 3-26-0041-2018 for \$429,395.00. The grant is for the following projects: Conduct Approach Survey, Acquire Land for Approach Protection (Parcel 33 – 10 Acres), Remove Obstructions (Trees Parcel 33

A motion was made by Albert Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to approve the request

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**New Business, Agenda Item 5, "Mead & Hunt Monthly Progress Report"**- The Mead & Hunt progress report summarizing activities for the time period of August 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 was presented.

**New Business, Agenda Item 6, "Water/Sewer Report"**- For the period from July 13, 2018 to August 15, 2018 (33 days) daily I&I was 6,278 gallons. For the same time period in 2017 I&I was 5,134 gallons. For the period from July 13, 2018 to August 15, 2018 (33 days) water loss was 92,161 gallons. For the same time period in 2017 water loss was 125,961 gallons.

**New Business, Agenda Item 7, "Airline Monthly Stats"**- For the month of August 2018 SkyWest enplaned 2,744 passengers and deplaned 2,625. Last year in August SkyWest enplanements were 2,662 compared to this year's enplanements of 2,744 an increase of 82 passengers or 4%. SkyWest experienced 0 cancellations during the month compared to 1 in August of 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Roger Kangas inquired as to who's responsible for the main water line. The County is responsible for the main water line only. It is the customer's responsibility from the main to the customer's house.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Thursday, October 25, 2018 in the airport conference room at 4:00 PM.

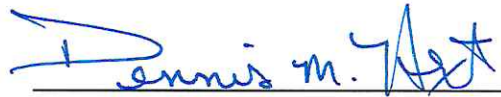
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Albert Koskela and seconded by Tom Tikkanen to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 PM.

Minutes approved by:

Recorded by:



Tim Palosaari  
Airport Committee Chairman



Dennis M. Hext  
Airport Manager