# **Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission**

# **Meeting Minutes**

July 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM



Keith LaRiviere, Rod Herzig, Brian Carroll

Others present: Mike Sweeney, Chuck Meyer, Bruce Bohonowicz, Malcolm Clark (7:06), Brian

Smith (Gale Associates – 8:00)

**Motion** by Frank to accept the minutes of 6/8/09 second by Keith, passed unanimously.

#### MANAGERS REPORT

\$.30 end of year balance, the lightning strike cost about \$3,000 of available 2009 funds. We spent a little on a computer, a little more on the printer, perhaps we'll get a partial reimbursement from the project. The project application was resubmitted to include alternative 1 (PAPIs & REILs). There is a tree hearing at Town Hall on 7/16 at 6:30PM for trees on W. Mineral Road (WMECO project).

## PILOT, PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck asked how long the runway lights will be out. He was told that we just found out on Saturday and that we are working toward a solution as quickly as possible.

## COMMISSIONER UPDATES AND COMMENTS/ NEW-OLD-OTHER -

Rod raised the question of how long we can wait for the runway project and lights replacement. He reported that small wheeled planes are avoiding the airport because of the runway condition. Because of the lack of Town money to undertake a project of this scope, we need to have the funding from FAA and MAC to have a successful project. Discussion of possible alternatives to replacing the runway led to expression that we need to let the FAA know of our desires, perhaps through a letter to our State Rep. **Motion** by Frank to form a "Plan B" sub-committee to investigate alternatives if the existing project does not go forward, second by Rod, passed unanimously. David, Rod and Keith volunteered to become members of the sub-committee. **Motion** by Keith to accept the current slate of officers, second by Rod, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Gary to authorize the Manager to expend funds up the limit imposed by the State Bid Law, with Treasurer approval of items over \$1,000, second by Rod, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Gary to authorize the Manager, the Chairman or Vice Chairman in his absence, to sign grant applications, grants, grant assurances, and related documents; including, but not limited to, grants over \$50,000, second by Keith, passed unanimously.

# **GALE REPORT**

The survey data is in for the Country Hill project. Discussion of FAA Funding, NIT (including involvement of Doug Harris/John Brown; shifting of meeting from June to July).

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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8:25 Motion by Frank to adjourn, second by Keith, passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick
Voted (Aye) (Nay) (Abstain) at an Airport Commission Meeting on:/
(Airport Chair Signature)

