

Menominee Regional Airport Committee
Minutes of Special Meeting
June 26, 2018

*******APPROVED*******

The Menominee Regional Airport Committee met for a Special Meeting, at the MSUE Annex Conference Room, on June 26, 2018 at 5:30pm, to select a Riding Lawnmower for the Airport; and forward the recommendation to the CB for approval.

- A. Call Meeting to order:** Com. Gromala called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all
- C. Roll Call:** Coms. Gromala and Piche were present
Also present were Jeff LaFleur, Jason Carviou, Sherry DuPont, Mike Lyons, Greg Paulson, Dr. Zelm and others.
- D. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda made by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Piche. Motion carried - 2/0
- E. Approval of Previous Minutes:** None available
- F. Public Comment:** None
- G. Selection/Recommendation, for a Riding Lawnmower for the Airport – Com. Gromala:** Jeff, it is my understanding that Gary had an opportunity to test-drive all the riding lawnmowers in question – am I correct? **Jeff:** You are correct. **Com. Gromala:** What one was the most favored? **Jeff:** The most favored was the John Deere. **Com. Gromala:** The John Deere, and that was through Riesterer & Schnell? **Jeff:** Correct. **Com Piche:** Really, they’re the ones that are going to be using it and they’ve studied it, so if that’s what they recommend than that’s the one I would go with it. **Com. Gromala:** Would you do that in a form of a motion? **Com. Piche:** Jason do you have anything to add? **Jason:** I have nothing to add. **Com. Gromala:** Oh, I’m a happy camper. I feel whatever they want is best in order to make the Airport as efficient as possible. Any time they save, now, in mowing can be spent on other improvements. Motion to recommend the purchase of the John Deere riding lawnmower to the CB was made by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Gromala. Motion carried ~2/0.
- H. Public Comment – Greg Paulsen:** I met with Jason, in his office, regarding FOIA and Enstrom Leases. It is my understanding that their lease was negotiated and is now amended. Other lease holders were basically told to sign or be evicted. I feel that’s a form of discrimination.
- I. Commissioner Comment – Com. Piche:** I’m glad to see that Jeff & Gary will be getting a new riding lawnmower. **Com. Gromala:** The property that Enstrom is sitting on ~ part of it is

on city property and some is on Airport property. The County must follow what is the original city lease that supersedes the County lease; and, therefore, our lease with them had to be negotiated and amended. As far as hangar owners, we based our lease agreements on what our attorneys, with the assistance of MDOT & FAA, stated was needed in the leases in order to follow all rules and regulations. Therefore, we had to follow those recommendations and came up with a lease agreement, approved by MDOT & the FAA, to be presented to lessees. We're not trying to go after anyone or take away from anyone. We want to treat everyone fairly, but we need to do what's best for Menominee County. We certainly don't want anyone to leave.

J. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Gromala at 5:37pm