



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**AVIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Supv. Gabert called the meeting to order at 8:00 am

B. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

Mr. Larry Last shared that he was upset with the Public Comments section of the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes. He believes his statements were taken out of context.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of March 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Supv. Lutz made a motion to strike everything that Mr. Last said, as written, in the Public Comments section of the March 4, 2026 minutes and publish the full transcript of everything Mr. Last said, seconded by Supv. Frassetto. Motion carried 3/1. Supv. Hinz abstained.

D. Director's Report

1. Control Tower Chiller Project Update

Mr. Schell shared that we have some good progress now on our tower chiller replacement project. On Monday the rental chiller was installed and has been up and running since yesterday. The replacement chiller system should be in place toward the end of this calendar year. This rental chiller will get us through the summer months to ensure that air conditioning and temperatures in the tower are comfortable for everyone working there.

E. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

None

F. Operations & Maintenance Report

Mr. Locke shared that the big update was the blizzard March 14th to the 16th. The airport was closed overall for twenty-five hours due to the amount of snow coming down. Mr. Locke reported that on Monday of the storm he had to pull everybody off the runway due to the conditions being too bad. One truck went off the end of a runway, the operations crew could not tell where they were on the airfield due to not being able to see each other. One Air Traffic Controller spent the night in the tower because the road conditions were too bad for the next controller to make it in the following morning. The airport had an employee spend the night in our shop because he had to be back the following morning. There were a few equipment breakdowns, but we were up and going for PaccAir to depart that Monday evening.

Mr. Locke added that annual hangar inspections have been completed, and the crew is going back to revisit those hangars that still need some attention.

G. EAA Report

None

H. Committee Chair's Report

Supv. Gabert stated that this is the last meeting until after the election, and we don't know yet who is going to be on the committee, so she wanted to personally thank the Aviation Committee members. She said that it has been a pleasure working with everyone on the committee.

I. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supv. Hinz shared that he has enjoyed working with the Aviation Committee members and thanked everyone for trusting him to be the Vice Chairman of the committee.

J. Items for Next Agenda

Suggestions from committee members for items to be addressed on a future agenda

None

K. Next Meeting Date

Tentative May 6, 2026 at 8:00am

L. Adjourn

*Motion by Supv. Hinz, seconded by Supv. Lutz to Adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.
Meeting adjourned at 08:48 am.*

M. Operations & Maintenance Report

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