



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**AVIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Supv. Gabert called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

There are two new Aviation Committee members that Supv. Gabert asked to introduce themselves.

The first new member is Casen Frassetto from District 16. Supv. Frassetto shared that his district is mainly the UW Oshkosh campus. He is a sophomore Political Science major at UWO and is also on the UWO student government as well.

The other new Aviation Committee member is Cullen Bettin. Supv. Bettin represents District 22.

B. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

Public comments were made.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supv. Hinz, seconded by Supv. Frassetto to Approval of April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

D. Director's Report

1. 2026 T-Hangar Project Update

Mr. Schell shared that the nine-unit t-hangar building that we are about to break ground on in May has a pre-construction meeting next week on May 12th. This includes the various aspects of the engineering firm to ensure the continuity of operations for the entire project. The project consists of civil site work, including demolition, civil site work to prep to look for new construction, and then building an aircraft parking apron, a connection to taxi Juliet, a revised connection to taxi to Juliet, and the actual building itself. The contractor is showing the project to be completed by the end of 2026, but knowing how contractors can get behind, we anticipate no later than early 2027. We will then begin the leasing process of the nine new units.

Mr. Schell added a positive announcement that he had emailed to the Aviation Committee on Monday this week. On Friday, May 1, 2026, it was officially public that Sonex, Sonex Aircraft, is now rebranded to Sonex Aviation under new ownership. Sonex Aviation reopened Monday of this week. Mr. Schell is excited to see the direction that the new ownership will push the company in.

E. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Capital Outlay Budget Transfer Substitution

Mr. Locke advised that this is a capital outlay budget transfer substitution. This is not asking for more money. For this budget, we were approved to purchase three pieces of equipment. Truck three, truck four, and a trailer. Truck four was \$5,762.00 under budget. Truck three was a little over budget due to modifications to reuse a toolbox, and the

trailer was over budget by \$48.00. Mr. Locke advised that we are looking to transfer the amount saved from truck four, \$5,762.00, over to cover the extra expenses on truck three and the trailer.

Motion by Supv. Hinz, seconded by Supv. Frassetto to Capital Outlay Budget Transfer Substitution. Motion carried 5/0.

F. EAA Report

None

G. Committee Chair's Report

Supv. Gabert reminded everyone that we have two new members on the Aviation Committee and asked for patience while they get familiar with the airport. It was recommended that they each get a tour of the airport with Director Schell.

H. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supv. Gabert believes that Sonex Aviation is wonderful for the airport.

I. Items for Next Agenda

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

** PFAS approach and what we're looking to achieve.*

** Master Plan update.*

J. Next Meeting Date

June 3, 2026 at 3:00 pm

K. Adjourn

Motion by Supv. Hinz, seconded by Supv. Frassetto to Adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.

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