



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**AVIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025**

A. Call to Order

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

B. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

None

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Supv. Hinz, seconded by Supv. Paterson to Approval of May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes. . Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1
Supv. Frassetto Abstained*

D. Director's Report

1. NIFA SAFECON 2025

Mr. Schell shared that the NIFA SAFECON event concluded on May 17th and felt as though it was a successful event. We had thirty (30) flight teams here from all over the country competing. Our tower staff logged almost 11,000 aircraft operations, so the event added a lot of additional air traffic. Supv. Hinz wondered if we had any idea of the economic impact of this event. Mr. Schell answered that there are about seven hundred (700) people associated with the event that stay in hotels in our area and eat at our local restaurants. There hasn't been an actual study done, but there is an economic impact as well as revenue that is brought into our airport from conference room rentals and fuel flowage fees.

2. Hangar 13 Demo Update

Mr. Schell advised that bids were opened on this project on May 27th through our Purchasing Department. We received five (5) full bids on the project. However, one bidder did request to remove their bid. Mr. Schell is looking to move forward with a contract award in June, and he will update more at the July committee meeting.

E. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discuss & Approve an Airport Operator's Agreement & Lease between Winnebago County and Basler Turbo Conversions, LLC dba Basler Flight Service

Mr. Schell shared that the current lease for Basler Flight Service was executed in 2021. In 2021, the lease had a 20-year term so they remain with 16 years on the term of their existing lease. Basler Flight Service is looking to acquire a hangar on 20th Avenue that's currently owned and operated by PaccAir. PaccAir is a cargo operator adjacent to the Hilton property and that land lease for PaccAir is under Hangar Ventures LLC. Hangar Ventures is owned and operated by Tracy Schoenrock. Basler Flight is looking to acquire that hangar. Mr. Schell added that last month we started the approval process on a new lease agreement for Tracy Schoenrock to construct a smaller hangar to house his operation. Basler Flight Service

has elected to take that lease that Hangar Ventures is currently on and fold that into their main lease, which is before the Aviation Committee today, updated for 2025.

The 2025 lease would carry moving forward and is set for an initial term of 16 years, which mirrors the remaining term on the existing Basler lease. There is an option term of 10 years, so they would increase their term total by six years. All land lease rates in the new Basler lease are being brought up to current ordinance rates, which translates into additional revenue for the airport/county.

Motion by Supv. Lutz, seconded by Supv. Hinz to Discuss & Approve an Airport Operator's Agreement & Lease between Winnebago County and Basler Turbo Conversions, LLC dba Basler Flight Service. . Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

F. EAA Report

None

G. Committee Chair's Report

None

H. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supv. Frassetto mentioned that he had received an email asking about maintenance along Ripple Road. Mr. Locke explained the work that the guys have been doing on the property to get it looking nicer. They have also fallen behind on mowing due to the rain and the NIFA event. Their focus right now is getting the airfield back up to where it needs to be, and the second focus will be the business park.

I. Items for Next Agenda

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

None

J. Next Meeting Date

July 2, 2025

K. Adjourn

Motion by Supv. Lutz, seconded by Supv. Hinz to Adjourn. . Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Meeting adjourned at 08:31am

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