



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**AVIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026**

A. Call to Order

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

B. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

Supv. Binder from District 13 spoke regarding the public comments made during the Aviation Committee meeting in December 2025. He directed the public to speak to the Winnebago County Board and is looking for the Aviation Committee to pass the rental rate increase proposed for Chapter 21 of the Winnebago County General Code.

Chris Ohm, from Delasoft, spoke about the software company he represents. Delasoft gave a presentation of their Revjet 360 product about a year and a half ago to the airport administration. This software is used to keep track of airport leases, hangars, manage invoicing, transient parking, and many other components of an airport. Mr. Ohm stated that it is a highly secure product, and they would like to offer it to Wittman Airport for free.

Tenant Fred Stadler spoke about the differences between the Appleton airport and Oshkosh airport. He wants the committee to keep their focus on the purpose of this airport with citizen involvement.

Winnebago County Executive Gordon Hintz introduced himself. He stated that the study was done to achieve more cost containment and generate revenue for the services that are utilized at the airport. He agrees that this airport is a core part of this county and an important part of the community identity. The proposed rate increase is a realignment and Mr. Hintz appreciates the adjustments made by Mr. Schell based on the feedback from the public at the last Aviation Committee meeting. He believes the adjustments are consistent with what the county board has said they wanted in their strategic plan.

Tenant Kyle Voltz shared the flaws and deficiencies of the report prepared by the company hired for the market study. He feels as though the airport is doing its best with what we currently have, but is asking the airport to not charge premium rent for below-average facilities.

Tenant Kevin Green spoke about the fact that his hangar increases by 3% every year, per his lease agreement. He also pays for his own utilities and has invested his own money in improvements to his hangar, and now he's looking at another 15% increase.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of December 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supv. Lutz, seconded by Supv. Hinz to Approval of December 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Approved 4/0

Supv. Frassetto abstained since he was absent from last month's meeting.

D. Director's Report

1. Tower Chiller Project Update

Mr. Locke shared that there was an error in the dates for the bid opening. Two dates were published for the bid opening, so it is required for the project to be posted again for new proposals. This also made us aware that we will need to rent an AC chiller for the early summer while the new chiller is being installed. The scope of the bid is being adjusted to include the rental and the plumbing to install a rental chiller.

E. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Amend Chapter 21 of the Winnebago County General Code

Supv. Gabert shared that she feels confident in our Airport Director, Jim Schell, and feels good about his recommendations. However, she does not agree with the study that was done by the county. She will not be voting to support the rental rate increase today.

Supv. Binder spoke about the cost of building the new hangars. He feels as though we should at least be getting the cost of interest covered through the rental rates.

Supv. Hinz asked about the range of hangar rates. He spoke about the taxpayers of Oshkosh subsidizing the costs of all of our hangars at the airport. Supv. Hinz questions if there is a middle ground that can be agreed upon.

Supv. Lutz questioned Airport Director, Jim Schell about what he had planned for a rate increase prior to the market study that was done. Mr. Schell answered that he was looking at a 12% CPI adjustment as the baseline, which is the CPI change from August 2022, when the rates were last adjusted until now. Mr. Schell added that this discussion has been hangar rent focused. We're also increasing our land rental rates to keep them within market, and we're increasing our fuel flowage rate with this proposal.

Motion by Supv. Gabert, seconded by Supv. Paterson to postpone this discussion for ninety (90) days. Motion was rejected 2/3

Motion by Supv. Paterson, seconded by Supv. Gabert to amend the previous motion to postpone this discussion for sixty (60) days. Motion was rejected 2/3

Supv. Frassetto feels that it's important to move this matter forward.

Motion by Supv. Hinz, seconded by Supv. Lutz to Amend Chapter 21 of the Winnebago County General Code. Motion passed 3/2.

This item will now go to the Facilities Management Committee meeting on January 27th at 3:30pm located on Knapp Street.

F. EAA Report

Mr. Busha shared that AirVenture tickets are now on sale, Winter Flight Fest is coming up in February, so he is praying for snow for that event. EAA will be announcing their show performers later this week or next week and that will continue to come out either bi-weekly or weekly.

G. Committee Chair's Report

None

H. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supv. Gabert advised our tenants to attend the Facilities Management Committee meeting on January 27th at the Facilities Department at 3:30pm. She stated that her theory is that it wouldn't do any good for the tenants to attend that meeting though. She feels as though this proposal will continue to move forward.

I. Items for Next Agenda

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

The Aviation Committee would like Chris Ohm of Delasoft to have a presentation at our next meeting, so our committee can better understand what their software is capable of. Mr. Ohm stated that he could do a virtual presentation and put us in touch with his technical guy in Delaware.

J. Next Meeting Date

February 4, 2026

K. Adjourn

Motion by Supv. Lutz, seconded by Supv. Frassetto to Adjourn. Motion passed 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 09:28am

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