

DECORAH AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES
August 18, 2021 – 5:00pm

Airport Terminal Lounge

1) Roll Call

*Members present: Kevin Thompson, Brett Willie, Rick Hadley, Brian Petersburg.
Absent: Pete Marso. Also attending FBO Mike Connell, Wanda Hemesath, City Clerk,
Tr/Interim City Manager*

2) Consider approval of minutes

a) *July 14, 2021*

*Motion by Thompson, second by Hadley to approve the minutes. All voting aye.
Motion carried.*

3) Update on close out of Driveway Improvement Project

*Hemesath reported the project has been approved and accepted by Council.
Retainage will be paid September 7 followed by reimbursement request being
submitted to the FAA for remaining costs*

4) Update on maintenance hangar repairs / terminal lounge replacement

Short discussion on the availability of grant \$\$\$. No immediate action to be taken.

5) Sam Hogenson, City Forester and Jason Walker, District Forester –
management options for airport timber

The District Forester was unable to attend. Will be rescheduled at a future meeting.

6) DBE Program update

*Hemesath reported the program has been submitted to the FAA. No further
information available at this time.*

7) Engineering selection process

*Hemesath reported process needs to be completed by early February 2022.
Given this date, initiation of this may need to wait until Travis Goedken, our new
city manager arrives.*

8) Consider Open House Date

Tentatively scheduled for the October meeting

9) Request to purchase city property across W42

*Hemesath reported there has been a request to purchase city property across
W42 from the airport for rental of storage containers. It was noted the property
is within the RPZ (Runway Protection Zone). Motion by Thompson, second by
Hadley to not sell. All voting aye. Motion carried*

10) Airport Manager's Report

a) *Hangars / rents*

The Schroeder plane has been purchased. The new owner has paid the hangar rental for a year in advance. The intent is to restore the plane to original condition. Connell report the Althouse plane is being removed from the premises.

Connell also reported the following:

Purchase of a load of white rock to improve the driveway drainage concerns.

Discussion was held on concerns regarding water leakage into the 7-stall hangar. Following adjournment members did an inspection of the hangar and short discussion was held on possible solutions to the problem.

11) Adjourn