

Kentland Airport Board MINUTES

To: Jim, Debby, Mike, Pat, IN Dept. of Aviation
From: Jim Butler
Subject: Airport Board Meeting, Monday, February 6, 2023

The Airport Board met on the date shown above, at 6:00 PM at the airport. The first Monday of the month is our regular meeting time and we have posted this on the bulletin board at the airport as well as notified the newspaper.

Board members present were Terry Hafstrom, Jim Butler, Jake Shufflebarger, Doug Hickman, Pilot based at Kentland and Joe Worley of Hanson Professionals.

Old business:

At the May meeting Terry Hafstrom pointed out the skirt boards around the bottoms of several hangars have rotted and need to be replaced. Funding has been secured and when the weather breaks this work will be completed. Jim reported he and Terry Hafstrom have been having trouble reaching Rick Negele, the successful bidder for this project. He will ask Chuck for help, but if Rick cannot be contacted, we may need to consider another contractor.

Evidence of a burrowing insect was found in the joint seals of the runway. This insect makes a hole in the sealant and burrows into the foam backer rod. The sealing contractor said he found approximately 100 of these holes in the old sealant and suggested a program of applying an insecticide twice per year may be required to protect the sealant from being degraded. Jake suggested contacting Fowler Pest Control as they have a truck mounted spraying system that may be a good fit for this application. Jim reported he talked to the route guy who said he would forward the message but he hasn't heard anything yet. If we don't hear something soon Jim will call them.

At the December 2022 meeting Jim reported the airport has obtained funding from the Newton County Economic Development group as well as a local match from the Town of Kentland for a total of \$90,000 to install the concrete floor and roof for hangar 4 as well as the post stabilizers and skirt boards for the tee hangars. Jim further reported that the

concrete contractor doesn't want to start his part of the job until February 27 of 2023 because if he starts now there is the chance of very cold weather preventing him from providing a quality job. The roofing contractor said he has 6 roofs ahead of ours and due to the weather, he can't predict when he will get those jobs done and get to our project. He did say it will probably be after the first of the year. FC Concrete, Smart Roofing and Rick Negele were the lowest responsible, responsive bidders. The Bill's Concrete bid was deemed not responsive as he submitted the bid approximately 33 days after the bid submittal date. At the January 2023 meeting Jake made a motion to accept the Smart Roofing bid. This motion was seconded by Terry Deiter and approved by a unanimous vote. Terry Deiter made a motion to accept the FC Concrete bid. Jerry Carlson seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote. Jim reported at the February 2023 meeting that he signed the contract with FC Concrete and they intend to start once the outside temperature is above 50 degrees consistently. Smart Roofing also said they were at least two weeks from starting. Terry Hafstrom is working with the town guys to get the debris cleaned out of this hangar no later than 02/20/23.

At the December 2022 meeting Terry reported he ran the car and found the engine maintenance light illuminated. After the first of the year he will take it to the dealer to find out what is wrong. Jake made a motion to approve this expense, seconded by Jerry, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1) Fuel sales for January were \$2,755.01 for AvGas and \$172.82 for JetA. The amount of AvGas on hand as of this writing is 3275 gallons. The amount of JetA on hand is 1,336 gallons.

The Board would like to remind all pilots to please register their flights on the form next to the weather computer. These numbers are shown monthly to the Kentland Town Council as well as the people of Kentland so they will know how much their airport is being used and what it means to the economy of the surrounding area. Please indicate if your flight is for business, pleasure, training, etc.

There were no extraneous expenses for January.

Jim reported there was a \$20.00 transient hangar fee collected from Ironhorse Aviation to store their helicopter while they overnighted for weather. Jim forwarded the \$20.00 to Judy.

Doug Hickman reported that he doesn't receive a bill for his hangar lease. Jim told Doug he would work with the town to get this corrected.

Joe Worley gave the Engineer's report:

The final inspection of the previous phases of the west ramp/stormwater/helipad project will take place on Thursday, 02/09/23, at 9:00 AM.

The design of the final phase of the west ramp/stormwater project is underway. This will include the concrete paving of the ramp as well as the helipad and the asphaltting of the entrance road to the airport along with the road to access the helipad. We have been given assurances by INDOT and the FAA that we will receive the grant for this phase and expect construction to begin later summer or early fall. However, the State is now saying that due to the limited amount of money they have, and the number of projects that are active across the state, we may have to break the final phase down into two phases, with part being completed this year and the balance next year. This is still very much being negotiated and nothing has been finalized. If it does have to be broken up, we are trying to get the helipad and part of the west ramp completed in this year's phase.

Joe requested Jim send an email to the FAA informing them that we intend to use our Non-Primary Entitlement funding on this year's west ramp project.

Jim asked Joe if the FAA would be willing to fund part of the acquisition of the Schlotman building and property (2 acres) if it should happen to come up for sale. Joe stated that the town would probably have to purchase this property but that the FAA and INDOT would reimburse them for the purchase. While there is no indication that this property is currently being considered for sale, Jim asked Joe to open some dialogue with the FAA and INDOT so we can move quickly if it does. This property would be very valuable to the airport as a place to store the snowblower as well as additional hangar space for ultralight and light sport aircraft. If this property could be purchased, it would also have an effect on where the future terminal building would be located because the airport would then have a direct entry off of US 41.

There being no further business, Jake motioned to adjourn, seconded by Terry Hafstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Sincerely,

Jim