



# Village of Grantsburg

## AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

### Wednesday, May 20, 2020

The Airport Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 5:30 pm at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street.

Present: Trustee/Chairman Muehlberg, Trustee Sturdevant, Trustee Janke.  
Others: Rod & Georgianne Kleiss, David & Kim Stieper, Ron Wilhelm, Mike Jehlicka, Bonnie Eastman, Vanessa Kleiss, Melanie Kleiss and Scott Hanson.

**CALL TO ORDER.** Trustee/Chairman Muehlberg called the Airport meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AIRPORT CAMPGROUND.** Trustee Janke asked the committee the reason for creating additional camping in the Village. Several reasons were communicated such as offering more rustic camping, providing a place for pilots to stay overnight or between flights, provide financial support to the airport. Clerk/Treasurer Meyer updated the committee on the status of the avigation easement required by the Bureau of Aeronautics. Attorney Todd Anderson is working with Howard Davis, Airport Compliance Manager, WI Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics to draft the necessary documents.

**RUNWAY PROJECT.** No updated information was available from the Bureau on the runway project. C/T Meyer was asked to contact Matt Messina from the Bureau for an update and timeline.

**COVID-19 CARES FUNDING.** Trustee Sturdevant provided some information and frequently asked questions regarding the CARES funding the airport may qualify for. Messina is still unsure if the CARES funding can be used for the Village's 5% share of the runway project. Detailed information about CARES funding will be available in the future.

Trustee Muehlberg explained how the airport entitlement process works so new Trustee Janke would have more information regarding this.

Rod Kleiss asked to address the committee. Kleiss apologized for his part in violating the contract between himself as Authorized Volunteer Airport Manager and the Village of Grantsburg. He assured the committee he understands he overstepped his authority when he signed a CARES funding interest on behalf of the Village and forwarded the document on to the Bureau. He asked the committee to considered reinstating him as manager of the airport. Trustee Muehlberg asked the audience members if they had any comments for the committee. The following members in the audience voiced their opinion in favor of Kleiss as the airport manager: Melanie Kleiss, Ron Wilhelm, Mike Jehlicka,

Dave Stieper and Scott Hanson.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Trustee Sturdevant, second by Trustee Janke to adjourn the airport meeting at 7:15 pm.

Sheila Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer