

INDEPENDENCE AIRPORT BOARD

April 2, 2025

Those present at the meeting were Dan, Vicki, Merritt, Jeff, Brett, Matt. Attending by Zoom were Jackie Sebetka and Kade Koursi from P&N.

Absent, Janet excused.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 by Chairman Dan Callahan

Upon a motion by Vicki, second by Jeff; it was unanimously resolved to approve the agenda for the meeting

Upon a motion by Vicki, second by Jeff, it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes for the Meeting of March 5, 2025.

City manager update:

There was no update presented

Airport manager update:

The transformer and controlling circuit board for the runway lights have been replaced, due to internal failure of the unit.

The drain tile around the segmented circle is plugged, causing retained water in that area. Rasmussen Drainage has been contacted to inspect and clean out that drain tile.

FBO Update:

Jackie Sebetka reported that due to the pending closure of the Marion airport, they will move their operations to the Cedar Rapids airport. In conjunction with that move they tend to shift more of their operations to the Independence airport. Kade Koursi will be taking over from Annabelle as FBO manager at Independence. The also reported two charter flights, administration of 13 tests in the testing center, reported 44.7 hours of flight training as well as 31.2 hours of ground training. There were 3 pilots who completed multi-engine training.

Strategic Planning:

A broad ranging discussion was held concerning a vision over the next five to ten years for the Independence airport. The discussion coalesced around three major themes; the governance structure of the airport, the airport as an economic development zone, and promoting the notion that the airport is an asset the city of Independence should exploit. Several examples of how these objectives might be accomplished have been offered by individual board members. While no comprehensive statement of objectives

was drafted by the board, it was concluded that the three major themes discussed would be presented to the city council at their work session on April 7.

Merritt Jones left the meeting at 5:52

Upon a motion to adjourn by Merritt Jones, which was seconded by Dan Callahan, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Merritt Jones