DECORAH AIRPORT COMMISSION
April 10, 2024 – 5:00 PM
Airport Terminal Lounge

1) Roll Call
   Members present: Kevin Thompson, Rick Hadley, Pete Marso
   Members absent: Brian Petersburg, Brett Willie
   Also attending: Mike Connell, FBO; Travis Goedken, City Manager; Lorraine Borowski, Mayor; Dave Joens, McClure Engineering (via Zoom)

2) Consider approval of minutes
   a) March 13, 2024

Motion by Hadley, seconded by Marso; all votes aye.

3) Discussion and Possible Action on Airport Terminal and Corporate Hangar Project
   Joens noted that two bids were received with the apparent low to Eagle Point Solar of Dubuque, IA for $83,205. Contractor did not provide the "Buy American" waiver but had 20 days to complete. Plan to award the project at the May 20 council meeting.

4) Discussion and Possible Action on Airport Terminal and Corporate Hangar Project
   Goedken gave background on why an addendum was issued that delayed bid letting until May 13, with anticipated award at the May 20 council meeting. Issue being the static water pressure at the water hydrant on site was not sufficient to meet demand of fire suppression system specifications for the project. Two options were discussed, one being the addition of a large holding tank and adding a fire pump to meet fire code, which would add significant project costs. The second option is to demolish the two Westernmost hangars on the East 7 pack, next to the existing maintenance hangar and agree that the new hangar would not be used for welding, spray painting, or fuel transfer; then the fire suppression system could be removed from the project because the distance between the new project and the existing hangars would meet fire code.

   Consensus of the Commission was to remove the two hangars and the fire suppression system. Commission asked why this issue wasn't identified until days before bid letting, when it is the same project that was bid a year ago. Goedken noted that the issue was discovered by the subcontractors for the sprinkler system, which the sole bidder that last time did not have a known scope for the fire suppression work.

5) McClure Engineering Update
   Joens stated that a new fuel master system would not be eligible for State grant funding. Joens noted the IPAA Conference from April 16-18th would be held in Cedar Rapids if members wish to attend.

6) Airport Manager's Report
   a) Hangars Rents
   Goedken reported that most rents are up to date with only Nelson late for April. Connell reported that summer equipment is ready to go and didn't use much fuel this year with light winter. Rowley has a new plane coming in and the Rowley Hangar is being finished.

7) Adjourn – 5:45P