

## NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

Body: Cresco Airport Commission

Date: November 4, 2020

Time: 5:15 pm

Place: Cresco Airport

To: Airport Commission Members City

Clerk

Cresco Public Works Director

Howard County Board of Supervisors

Cresco Chamber of Commerce

Cresco Flyers

Hangar Tenants

All Interested Persons

Roll Call: Kevin Schrage, Neil Mahr, Brian Schmitt Gerald Ferrie, Joseph Lawrence

### Agenda

#### Old Business:

- 1 . Approval of Meeting Agenda
- 2 Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings
- 3 Approval of Financial Report

#### New Business:

1. Update on our Insurance Cost and Coverages (Jerry)
2. Update from Clair on any improvements needed
3. Kevin/Neil info on similar size airport rent cost and what should our rent be going forward?
4. Jerry to update on Liability of crop sprayers and possible forms to be filled out before spraying operations begin.
5. Budget planning for next year.
6. Talk some more on hangar design

Next meeting date

Adjourn

Posted November 2, 2020

**Cresco Airport Commission Meeting**  
Meeting on November 4th, 2020

Airport Commission President Gerald Ferrie called the Cresco Airport Commission meeting to order at 5:12pm at the Cresco Airport.

Attendance roll call was taken- Members Gerald Ferrie, Joseph Lawrence, Kevin Schrage, and Brian Schmitt were present, Neil Mahr was absent.

Visitors in attendance were – Clair Pecinovsky- Airport Manager, Rich McConnell- City Council.

Old business:

1. Member Kevin Schrage made the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Seconded by Joseph Lawrence, the motion carried, all ayes.
2. Minutes from our August 5th meeting were reviewed, no corrections were noted. A motion was made by Kevin Schrage and seconded Brian Schmitt by to approve the minutes. Motion carried, all ayes.
3. The commission reviewed our most current financial report and expenses for the first months of the year. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Kevin Schrage and seconded by Joseph Lawrence , motion carried, all ayes.

New Business:

1. Updates on our insurance cost and coverage for the airport. Gerald Ferrie has been working with CIA insurance representative Cindy Buttikofer, last year our cost of insurance was \$3,576.00, Gerald checked with different insurance agencies and he determined Old Republic Insurance Co. that we currently have now seemed to the best fit for our needs. The company still had the underground fuel tank on the policy that has been gone for about four years. With this taken off, Gerald thought it would save us about \$500.00 per year. We will discuss this again at our next meeting.
2. Clair reported on the condition of the buildings and grounds. Clair talked about the need for runway repair maintenance. Mike Mahr from the state inspected the runway a couple of years ago. At that time there were areas of concern. Clair will try to get him to inspect it again and point out areas in need of repair. Clair will also get with concrete contractors with Mike's recommendation. He will get some estimates from them to use to apply for a state grant to cover a good share of the cost.
3. Neil Mahr was not present but Kevin Schrage had some information about area airports and their rent/lease agreements. He told the committee that Rushford had no public hangers available, they have all private hangers, the city leases the land for \$75.00 per year. The pilot builds their own hangers and maintains them. Similarly Osage airport leases their land for \$100.00 per year and New Hampton for \$50.00 per year. We have talked at past meetings about doing something similar here if the city would consider this. We would need to have specifications to the size and type of hangers to be built, to keep them all uniformed. We will table this and hanger rents until our next meeting.

4. Gerald in addition to talking about the insurance for the airport, he also talked about the liability of crop sprayers that use our airport, he talked with airports that use a form for Ag Aviation Operators to fill out prior to using the airport. We will talk about this further at our next meeting, to decide if we should use this form here.

5. We talked about hanger designs and sizes that we will use to get estimates from contractors and use to apply for future grants.

6. We spent the rest of our meeting discussing our 5 year plan and next years budget. These will be submitted to Michelle at city hall.

**Comments from Audience:**

There were none.

The next Airport Commission meeting was tentatively set for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:15pm.

Kevin Schrage made a motion, seconded by Brian Schmitt to adjourn meeting at 6:45 pm, motion carried, all ayes.

## NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

Body: Cresco Airport Commission

Date: August 5, 2020

Time: 5:15 pm

Place: Cresco Airport

To: Airport Commission Members City

Clerk

Cresco Public Works Director

Howard County Board of Supervisors

Cresco Chamber of Commerce

Cresco Flyers

Hangar Tenants

All Interested Persons

Roll Call: Kevin Schrage, Neil Mahr, Brian Schmitt Gerald Ferrie, Joseph Lawrence

Agenda

Old Business:

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings
3. Approval of Financial Report

New Business:

1. Update on our Insurance Cost and Coverages (Jerry)
2. Update from Clair:
  - Our current list of people waiting on hangars
  - Update on Amish being bonded/Work Comp
  - Update on hangar/lease by occupant built to our designs
  - Any new information on Insurance coverage
3. Kevin/Neil info on similar size airport rent cost
4. Steve on City Councils thought on lease for a private hangar
5. What should our rent charges be at going forward?

Next meeting date

Adjourn

Posted August 3, 2020

**Cresco Airport Commission Meeting**  
Meeting on August 5th, 2020

Airport Commission President Gerald Ferrie called the Cresco Airport Commission meeting to order at 5:20pm at the Cresco Airport.

Attendance roll call was taken- Members Gerald Ferrie, Joseph Lawrence, Kevin Schrage, and Brian Schmitt were present, Neil Mahr was absent.

Visitors in attendance were – Clair Pecinovsky- Airport Manager, Steve McCarville- City Council.

Old business:

1. Member Joseph Lawrence made the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Seconded by Brian Schmitt, the motion carried, all ayes.
2. Minutes from our July 8th meeting were reviewed, no corrections were noted. A motion was made by Brian Schmitt and seconded by Joseph Lawrence to approve the minutes. Motion carried, all ayes.
3. The commission reviewed our most current financial report and expenses for the first month of our current year. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Joseph Lawrence and seconded by Brian Schmitt, motion carried, all ayes.

New Business:

1. Updates on our insurance cost and coverage for the airport. Gerald Ferrie has been working with CIA insurance representative Cindy Buttikofer, but she has had a hard time getting a hold of the insurance company to get answers, last year our cost of insurance was \$3,576.00, Gerald will try to have more information at our next meeting. Clair checked with the Iowa Public Airport Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association to see what coverage and costs that other airports incur, he received some contacts through the IPAA & talked with a few airport managers and insurance representatives who would also need more policy information before giving any quotes. Clair did talk with New Hampton's airport manager Richard Grotie. Their airport liability coverage cost was about half of ours, so he gave Clair the name of the local insurance agency & agent and that insures their airport. Clair will give the name of the agent and agency phone number to Gerald for him to follow up with.
2. Clair reported on responses from pilots on our current Hangar waiting list. There were five people on the list, when he talked to each one only one pilot, Wayne Mlady, is still interested in a hangar. Clair will start a new list with his name on it.  
Clair also talked to Combelt Lumber, which submitted a bid on two types of hangers we were proposing to have constructed, concerning their company being bonded and providing workman's compensation for their employees. They responded that they did not provide these, unless they are working with another contractor doing the construction work. If they can not provide proof of bonding and workman's compensation, Steve McCarville said the city will disqualify them from future bid consideration.

Clair also checked with the New Hampton airport manager concerning hangar / lease / construction by occupant. The city and airport commission encourages use of the airport and works out a minimal cost lease with the pilot for construction upon approval of the commission. They have done the same with the radio controlled pilots, horse riding arena, and truck/tractor pulling arena to construct and maintain their own area.

3. Neil Mahr was not present so he did not have information on hangar rents charged by surrounding airports for their hangars. We will ask him to talk about this at our next meeting in November.

4. Update from City Council representative Steve McCarville concerning the City's thoughts on leasing ground to pilots for private hangars to be built. Steve stated that the council have not said no to that thought but they would need to see our designs and go through that information at a planning meeting with the council before making any decision. Gerald said if some pilot does request permission to build their own private hanger, the location and type would need prior approval by the commission first.

5. We tabled our discussion on airport hangar rents until we have more information from Neil Mahr at our next meeting.

6. It was not on the agenda but we talked about transient aerial spraying applicators that have been using the airport, that they are not using a spill containment system when filling their planes. We have told Lynn Johnson, who has been operating his aerial application business out of the Cresco airport for many years, that he needed to use one for his business. Clair said he had talked with Tim McClung of Iowa State Department of Aviation concerning aerial applicators. Mr. McClung said he has worked with the Iowa based aerial applicators and they do a good job meeting handler's license requirements and that of the Dept. of Agriculture. If an airport has problems/concerns, they have a right to make/set rules but these rules need to be reasonable, formalized and posted so that all aerial applicator businesses are aware of these rules. Mr. McClung mentioned to Clair that he would be happy to come and talk to us later this fall if we desired.

Comments from Audience:

There were none.

The next Airport Commission meeting was tentatively set for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:15pm.

Joseph Lawrence made a motion, seconded by Kevin Schrage to adjourn meeting at 6:00 pm, motion carried, all ayes.

## NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

Body: Cresco Airport Commission

Date: Jun 17th 2020

Time: 5:15 pm

Place: Cresco Airport

To: Airport Commission Members City

Clerk

Cresco Public Works Director

Howard County Board of Supervisors

Cresco Chamber of Commerce

Cresco Flyers

Hangar Tenants

All Interested Persons

Roll Call: Kevin Schrage, Kim Bentz, Romane Matthias, Gerald Ferrie, Joseph Lawrence

Agenda

Old Business:

- 1 . Approval of Meeting Agenda
- 2 Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings
- 3 Approval of Financial Report

New Business:

1. Accept nominations for new Commission members
2. Clair to report on any changes that need attention
3. Update from Clair on Airport changes the winter brought on

Next meeting date

Adjourn:

Posted Jun 15th 2020

**Cresco Airport Commission Meeting**  
Meeting on June 17, 2020

Airport Commission President Gerald Ferrie called the Cresco Airport Commission meeting to order at 5:20 pm at the Cresco Airport.

Attendance roll call was taken- Members Gerald Ferrie, Joseph Lawrence, Kevin Schrage, Romaine Matthias, and Kim Bentz, were present

Visitors in attendance were - Clair Pecinovsky- Airport Manager, Steve McCarville- City Council and Wayne Mlady- pilot.

Old business:

1. Member Kim Bentz made the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Kevin Schrage seconded and the motion carried, all ayes.
2. Minutes from our November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were reviewed, no corrections were noted. A motion was made by Joseph Lawrence and seconded by Kevin Schrage to approve the minutes. Motion carried, all ayes.
3. The commission reviewed our most current financial report and expenses from November 2019 until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Kim Bentz and seconded by Kevin Schrage, motion carried, all ayes.

New Business:

1. We excepted nominations for new board members, Romaine Matthias from the city will be going off the board as well as Kim Bentz from the country. We had one individual expressing interest from the city and that was Brian Schmitt. Romaine made a motion to submit his name to the city council, seconded by Kevin Schrage, motion carried, all ayes. There were three individuals interest from the country, they were Neil Mahr, Rick Sovereign and Wayne Mlady. Kim Bentz made a motion to submit Neil Mahr's name to the council for approval, seconded by Romaine Matthias, motion carried, all ayes. The appointment paperwork was filled out and application papers have been given to the appointees. These papers will be submitted to the city council for their approval.
2. Clair Pecinovsky- Clair reported that it was an uneventful winter, no problems encountered except for the annual heving of runway in the spring when the ground is thawing. Nothing else needed attention at this time. He reported that the chamber of commerce is tenatively still planning a flight breakfast on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, they are asking to use our hangers again and they will be donating money back to the airport for the electricity use.
3. The commission spent rest of meeting reviewing hanger building projects that were put on hold by the CoVid pandemic. The bids from Panos Lumber and Cornbuilt Lumber were reviewed. Some concern was voiced by council about Cornbuilt Lumber doing the work. Steve McCarville will approach the city to clarify their concerns and report back to us. The state grant was not applied for this spring but we talked about the possibility of still building one hanger with the funds we have in our



trust fund. We will discuss our options further at our July meeting with our new board members in attendance.

Comments from Audience:  
There were none.

The next Airport Commission meeting was tentatively set for July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:15pm.

Kevin Schrage made a motion, seconded by Kim Bentz to adjourn meeting, at 6:20pm, motion carried, all ayes.