



# Village of Grantsburg

## Airport Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The Airport Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman/Trustee Muehlberg, Trustee Janke, Trustee Java

Others present: Director of Public Works (DPW) Jerry Konobeck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry

Others present via zoom: President Terrance Kucera, Matt Messina-Airport Development Engineer, WI DOT/DTIM/Bureau of Aeronautics, S E H Airport Engineers Adinda Van Espen-PE Project Manager, Kaci Nowicki-Senior Airport Planning Manager, George Sherwood, Melanie Kleiss, Troy Dere

**Call to Order** Chairman/Trustee Muehlberg called the Airport Committee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Airport Runway Project.** Trustee Muehlberg started the meeting discussing the different terminology being used for the proposed runway project. The Petition submitted and the Referendum presented to the Village residents indicated a reconstruction of the blacktop runway which would replace all existing blacktop and subbase. Messina and the S E H engineers Van Espen and Nowicki use rehabilitation of the blacktop runway which would replace the existing blacktop, but use the existing subbase. Messina reported that 49% of the existing subbase material can be replaced and the project is still considered a rehabilitation. Messina explained in order for the Federal Bureau of Aeronautics to participate in funding a reconstruction project, the airport is required to have a Master Plan in place. Since the Village does not have a Master Plan, a rehabilitation project is the best plan, provided the subbase material is still good. Van Espen explained a rehabilitation has a design life of 10 to 15 years, but this doesn't mean another rehab or reconstruct project would be required after 15 years. Trustee Janke asked about core drillings being done to determine the condition of the subbase material. Van Espen and Nowicki said this is part of the design contract and once signed, the core samples and borings would be scheduled. There would be about 8 borings, spread out every 400 feet. Van Espen said depending on the borings and core drillings, the results could lead to a full reconstruction, which would push the project out one year to 2023. **Motion by Trustee Muehlberg, second by Trustee Java to recommend the Village Board go forward with a rehabilitation project of the blacktop runway at the Airport.** More discussion took place. Trustee Janke stated he felt this project was just a start to more projects and costs at the Airport. He asked how much can the Village taxpayers afford to pay? Trustee Muehlberg indicated no more projects have to be done after the runway rehab. Trustee Java asked if a mill and overlay could be done. Van Espen indicated the cracks would eventually come through to the surface. Trustee Java asked if the borings could be done first before signing a design contract. Messina indicated he has never received this request. If the boring results caused the Village to back out of the rehabilitation project, the Village would have to pay for the borings roughly estimated at \$10,000.

Messina was asked for an estimate of a reconstruction project. He did not have an estimate. Trustee Muehlberg called for a vote on the motion. **Motion passed 2-1 with Trustees Muehlberg and Java voting yay and Trustee Janke voting nay.**

**Adjournment. Chairman/Trustee Muehlberg adjourned the Airport Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m.**

Sheila Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer