



CRETE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 12th, 2025 at 8:15 AM
Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street
Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue
City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the council chambers. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Greg Hier: Present
Kirk Keller: Present
Howard Nitzel: Present
Blaine Spanjer: Present
James Dux: Present
Present: 5 Absent: 0

Also present: City Administrator Tom Ourada, City Attorney Anna Burge, Finance Director Wendy Thomas, City Clerk Nancy Tellez, Water Superintendent Jesse Yager, Brenden Hooper, Richard Pieper

3. Items of Business

3.A. May 8th, 2025 Airport Advisory Board Minutes

Howard Nitzel motioned to approve the minutes and Kirk Keller seconded the motion.

James Dux: Aye, Howard Nitzel: Aye, Blaine Spanjer: Aye, Kirk Keller: Aye, Greg Hier: Aye

3.B. Resolution 2025-07 authorizing the mayor and city attorney to E-sign agreement for 2025 FAA grant for Crete Municipal Airport

Kirk Keller motioned to acknowledge Resolution 2025-07 seconded by James Dux.

James Dux: Aye, Howard Nitzel: Aye, Blaine Spanjer: Aye, Kirk Keller: Aye, Greg Hier: Aye

3.C. Resolution 2025-08 authorizing the mayor to sign agreement waiving receipt of non-primary entitlement funds for Crete Municipal Airport

James Dux motioned to acknowledge Resolution 2025-08 and Kirk Keller seconded the motion.

James Dux: Aye, Howard Nitzel: Aye, Blaine Spanjer: Aye, Kirk Keller: Aye, Greg Hier: Aye

3.D. New rates for hangars

There was discussion on new rates for hangars. City Administrator Tom Ourada provided the board with information on other communities' rates for hangars. Ourada also provided rate increase scenarios using a simple percentage increase and a statistical analysis method.

Airport Advisory Board member Howard Nitzel asked why they need to raise rates. Ourada explained that the airport is operating at a deficit. There was further discussion on the operating costs being more than in previous years and all expenses have gone up.

Ourada also stated that the airport is in a lot better shape than before. Ourada mentioned that at the next meeting they will look at budget information.

James Dux motioned to table the new rates for hangars and Kirk Keller seconded the motion.

James Dux: Aye, Howard Nitzel: Aye, Blaine Spanjer: Aye, Kirk Keller: Aye, Greg Hier: Aye

3.E. Discuss fuel

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the fuel lease is coming up in September. If the City would like to take it back the city would own the equipment and the Airport Manager would perform the maintenance.

James Dux motioned for the City of Crete to take back the fuel and Greg Hier seconded the motion.

James Dux: Aye, Howard Nitzel: Aye, Blaine Spanjer: Aye, Kirk Keller: Aye, Greg Hier: Aye

3.F. Discuss budget

Kirk Keller motioned to table the budget discussion and James Dux seconded the motion.

James Dux: Aye, Howard Nitzel: Aye, Blaine Spanjer: Aye, Kirk Keller: Aye, Greg Hier: Aye

4. Petitions - Communications - Citizen Concerns

5. Officers' Reports

5.A. Airport Manager Report

Airport Manager Samantha Haack stated that Chris Corr, Lead Engineer at Olsson stopped by the Crete Municipal Airport to look at the side of G row. Haack stated that Corr made a comment of it being more of a landscaping issue and not anything they can necessarily do. There is a little bit of settling and it doesn't look too significant.

Haack also mentioned that during her conversation with Corr he stated that deconstruction would possibly take place in the fall of 2026 at the earliest.

5.B. 2025 Airport Projects 6.6.2025

There was discussion on the Airport Project list. Airport Manager Samantha Haack stated that she contacted the fire department to discuss burning the brush piles. Haack also mentioned the fence on the west side of the road needs repair. Haack will get estimates for a new beacon with and without the pole if it can be retro fitted.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.