

July 31, 2017

## Public Hearing for State and Federal Aid for the Improvements at

### Grantsburg Airport

#### Village of Grantsburg

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The Public Hearing Meeting in the Matter of State and Federal Aid for the Improvements at the Grantsburg Municipal Airport. Meeting held at Crex Education & Visitor Center – 102 E. Crex Avenue, Grantsburg, WI 54840 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Village President, Larry Ebersold; Trustee, Greg Peer; Diane Barton; Russell Stone; Caylin Muehlberg; and Gary “Goob” Coy.

Absent: Trustee, Scott DeRocker.

Others: Village Clerk, Patty Bjorklund; Treasurer, Sheila Meyer; Public Works Director, Chris Bartlett; Steve Briggs – Burnett County Sentinel; Gregg Westigaard – Inter County Leader; Vincent Zilka; LuAnn Ebersold; Steve Bell; Jeff Schinzing; Kristina Kelley-Johnson; Cindy Bowman; James Muelberg; Craig Bowman; Richard Erickson; Joe Sturdevant; Chuck Lisinski; Ron Wilhelm; Tim Thompson; Mark Dahlberg; Brent Blomberg; Glenn Rolloff; Earl Mosley; Pamela Davies; Jim Nelson Mike Jehlicka; Frank Becvar; Bill Java; Rod Kleiss; Georgianne Kleiss; David Stieper; and Kim Stieper.

Village President, Larry Ebersold introduced all Airport Hangar Owners.

A general statement was read discussing the hearing to consider the proposed petition to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, for state and federal aid to undertake airport improvements and any necessary related work in an amount of \$1.2M+. A final decision on the proposed petition has yet to be made. The decision will ultimately be made by the Village Board, and will take into account what is said at the hearing. He then introduced Village Clerk, Patty Bjorklund to read, for the record, the notice of the Public Hearing.

Village Clerk, Bjorklund read the Public Hearing Notice.

Village President, Ebersold detailed the procedure and guidelines to be followed in the conduct of the hearing. He noted that all discussion will be 15 minutes maximum in length, and the Village President reserves the right to interrupt comments that extend beyond the 15 minutes in order to afford everyone an opportunity to express an opinion. He also noted that all persons present are requested to register an opinion with the Village Clerk, either in favor of or opposed to the proposed request for Entitlement Dollars and other funding for Airport improvements in an amount of approximately \$1.2M+ prior to leaving the hearing.

Village President, Ebersold opened up the meeting to comments and opinions from the public, with each person stating their name and address. The first comments were started with individuals in favor of the request for Entitlement Dollars. Rod Kleiss gave a Power Point Presentation detailing the requests for the Entitlement Dollars from the Hangar Owners and Pilots. Followed were individuals who were in favor of the acceptance of Entitlement Dollars and gave their viewpoints: Tim Thompson (pilot/non-resident); Ron Wilhelm (pilot/resident); Pam Davies representing GRO Committee and herself (resident); Mark Dahlberg (resident); Bill Java (resident); Vincent Zilka (resident); Steve Bell (hangar owner/non-resident) and Dave Steiper (pilot/non-resident).

After the previous discussion, Village President, Ebersold gave the public who oppose the acceptance of Entitlement Dollars a chance to speak on their viewpoint. They were: Earl Mosley (resident); Glenn Rolloff (resident); Jerry Boyd (resident); Jeff Schinzing (resident). Following the discussion, Bill Sturdevant (resident) had many questions and he was more neutral until he had all answers to many questions regarding costs.

Village President, Ebersold noted that the Village Board will immediately meet following the Public Hearing at the Village of Grantsburg Board Room to discuss the hearing. They will discuss and make decisions at that time.

***Village President, Ebersold adjourned the Public Hearing at 8:24 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Bjorklund, WCMC/CMC/CMTW  
Village Clerk  
Village of Grantsburg