

**West Fargo Airport Authority
Special Meeting
Date: September 5th, 2024
West Fargo Airport – 6:00 PM**

Members Present:

Brian Christl, Josh Gilleland, Ryan Becker, Ivy West and Matt Retka

Members Absent:

Josh Gilleland

Others Present:

Airport Manager- Robbie Grande

Commissioner Rory Jorgensen

3 Hangar Renters (Clayton Cook, Jon Mayer and Randal Mayer)

Dan Loegering & Todd Warner

Robbie facilitated introductions with those present prior to official meeting start.

Brian called the Special meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Commissioner Jorgensen recommended offering guests the option to comment or add to the agenda.

- Dan thanked the airport authority for dressing back road and drainage repairs
- Todd mentioned he is considering investing in building a hangar at the airport and wants to be Informed of activities and airport integrity
- Mayers said they were attending to support the airport
- Clayton expressed concerns about airport security

Robbie summarized the recent obtained picture showing 2 members of Skydive Fargo atop WF City Hangar roof. Matt Retka had contacted Skydive Fargo president on Tuesday regarding the photo. Skydive President followed up with email to the entire board with the names of the 3 individuals involved in the incident and expressed his disappointment with their actions and that Skydive Fargo has banned the 3 members from jumping for 1 week.

Matt commented that he would have liked to see Skydive Fargo take more strict disciplinary action. Commissioner Jorgensen asked if it was known how access to hangar was gained, and this question was not able to be answered. Jorgensen had communicated with City Officials on the matter. The City Attorney recommended filing a 90-day "trespass" for all Skydive club members on city owned airport property and banning any events. This would provide means for legal action if City buildings are unlawfully accessed again by Skydive Fargo members but would not prevent Skydive Fargo members from accessing their hangar nor continuing operations. Ivy questioned who allowed access to the hangar and potential criminal charges. Matt, Ivy and Ryan agreed it would be a challenge to enforce the trespass. Ryan stated this would not provide much consequence as they would still operate as normal and recommended considering a temporary ban of jump operations. Brian asked about applying a curfew. Discussion about tenant security and controlled access to the city hangar ensued. Key-fob

access and key code updates were discussed. Matt mentioned they airport would explore options in the near future.

Matt motioned to accept City recommendation to trespass all active Skydive Fargo members from West Fargo owned buildings at the airport, including the octagon hangar and terminal, but not including fuel pump, operating areas and private hangars and to implement a 10-day suspension of all SkyDive Fargo operations, effective September 11th through the 20th. Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Passed. Robbie to file report tomorrow.

Ivy motioned to adjourn & Ryan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Matt
Buchanan