2/20/2001:

4. Approve Agreement with State for Funding of Airport Land Survey and Environmental Assessment
   Administrator Elmquist noted that SEH had been retained to provide consultant services for the land survey and environmental assessment for the airport runway extension and new crosswind runway at a fee not to exceed $64,000. The Grant Agreement provides for the State to pay 60% ($38,400) and the City, 40% or $25,600. At the time the project is bid out for construction, additional funding at 90% with 10% local contribution will be available. MOTION by Knutson, seconded by Bangma and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

   RESOLUTION NO. 2001-204

   AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT CONSULTANT SERVICES
   (See Attached)

4/2/2002:

3. Review Status of Airport Projects:
   A. Joel Dresel of SEH was present to update the Council on the status of airport projects. He has completed an Environmental Assessment report which was reviewed by the Airport Commission on March 20. The next step is to advertise that the City will take public comment for a 30 day period on the report. At the end of that time it is submitted to the FAA for their review. If the FAA approves, they issue a “Finding of No Significant Impact.” At that point a grant agreement can be executed and the project can proceed – resurfacing and extension of the existing 4000 foot runway and taxiway, new runway lighting, and a new crosswind runway.

   MOTION by Crawford, seconded by Moe and unanimously carried to authorize staff to advertise that public comment will be taken on the Airport Environmental Assessment.

   B. Land Acquisition – Dresel reported that all land required for the runway extension and new crosswind runway had been identified and legal descriptions completed. Administrator Elmquist noted that landowners were concerned over the length of time the acquisition process was taking. After discussion, Council by consensus authorized staff to begin negotiations after the public comment period has ended for the Environmental Assessment.
7/16/2002:

12. Administrator’s Report:
   A. Jim Elmquist advised the Council that he had been contacted again by Barb Lancrain asking that they be allowed to put a bowling alley in the new industrial park. It had been determined last spring that a bowling alley did not fit EDA’s criteria for industrial development. They have been offered the last lot in the old industrial as an option. They are also proposing to add a bar and restaurant to the bowling alley. Zoning Official Nummela will be asked to verify if a bowling alley still fits in to the I-1 district with the addition of a bar and restaurant. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

   B. Jim Elmquist advised the Council that SEH had been notified by FAA that the City must document a need for the runway extension before we can proceed to the next step of the proposed runway extension project. Elmquist is gathering the necessary information.

11/5/2002:

4. Update on Airport Expansion Project:
   Joel Dressel from SEH discussed airport expansion and new crosswind runway. The environmental assessment (EA) has been forwarded to the FAA and other appropriate agencies. Further archaeological study is required.

   SEH will prepare a proposal for land acquisition and completion of the project. SEH expects that an FAA grant will cover 90% of all project costs.

2/4/2003:

5. Joel Dressel, SEH Engineer, to Update Council on Airport Expansion Project:
   Joel Dressel is now writing the Environmental Assessment for the airport expansion project. SEH will continue to work with the FAA to justify the runway extension.

   6. Approve Seeking a 30 Day Comment Period on Airport Environmental Assessment:
      MOTION by Knutson, seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried to order a 30 day comment period and to hold a public hearing on the airport environmental assessment.

   Dressel also discussed the land acquisition process. He explained a cost proposal for SEH to do the acquisition. No action was taken.

11/18/2003:

10. Miscellaneous – The City Council discussed the 11-17-03 PUC meeting minutes and the rescinding of the pay raise for the generator operator.

   Crawford commented that the Vasa Exchange Committee had been meeting to organize events for the 2006 three-nation exchange in Mora, Minnesota.

   Council members discussed land acquisition for the airport runway extension and crosswind runway.
12/16/2003:

16. Communications:
   A. Administrator’s Report – Dhein reported that the cleaning at the library is not satisfactory. Dhein stated that he may begin using the same cleaning service as city hall and the police station use.

   Dhein reviewed the airport’s new capital improvement plan. The plan calls for completing land acquisition for the crosswind runway and the runway extension in 2004, beginning construction in 2005, and completing the project in 2006.

1/20/2004:

10. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak spoke at the open forum and presented the written comments he prepared for the public hearing on the airport project. Yankowiak objected to using land and controlling the uses of nearby land for an extension and a crosswind runway which would be used very seldom.

2/17/2004:

9. Miscellaneous – Acting Chief of Police Chris Olson commented that he is receiving a monthly report on the use and training of the police dog.

   Dhein informed the city council that the FAA will begin review on the airport extension project in March. The FAA is recommending that the pine trees on the city property south of the runway be removed.

   Dhein discussed the county board’s motion to establish a joint planning commission. The county will present a proposal to the city council.
1/18/2005:

February 15, 2005 (Joint with Airport Board)
Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called to order the joint meeting of the Mora City Council and the Airport Advisory Board at 6:07 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 in the city hall council chambers.

ROLL CALL:  City Council – Crawford*, Ardner, Gravich, Jensen and Moe
           Airport Advisory Board – Paulson, Fosler, Skillicorn and Treiber

1. Discuss Airport Expansion Project – SEH engineer Joel Dresel presented a list of appraisals for property needed for the airport expansion project. Dresel informed the city council that the project cannot move forward without the council committing to buying the needed land. The city council discussed the value of the land to be purchased, use of eminent domain, importance of the airport, economic benefits, usage of the crosswind runway, the 95% FAA cost-share, developing of the property in the transition area, complete acquisition of properties, reselling acquired property, and the importance of the decision to move forward or not. MOTION by Moe, seconded by Ardner and unanimously carried to authorize the staff to begin land acquisition.

   *Mayor Crawford arrived at 6:11 P.M.

2. Adjourn – MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Ardner and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:38 P.M.

1/17/2006:

4. Kawalek Land Purchase – Joel Dressel, SEH, reviewed land acquisition progress. Dressel informed the city council that Kawalek’s wanted the city to purchase three parcels which they felt would be unmarketable if they sold only what was needed for the runway project. Dressel and the council members discussed the three parcels, paying a penalty for dividing a farm, selling some of the land at a later date, and FAA funding for the project. By consensus, the council directed Dressel and Dhein to move forward with land acquisition negotiations.

5. Review of Airport FBO Agreement – Dhein explained the fixed-base operator agreement. The council members discussed snowplowing responsibility and insurance, maintenance, and possible abuse of the courtesy car. The council members agreed that Dhein should continue to develop a new FBO agreement.

6/20/2006:

Dhein mentioned that Kawaleks would probably reject the city’s offer to purchase their land for airport expansion. The council members discussed the land needed for the extension and the crosswind runway, FAA reimbursement for land acquisition, and the costs of proceeding with eminent domain. The city council planned to discuss the matter again after Kawaleks formally respond to the city’s current offer.
7/10/2006:

July 10, 2006 (Joint with Airport Board)

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Crawford called to order a joint meeting of the Mora City Council and the Mora Airport Advisory Board on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the city hall council room.

ROLL CALL: City Council – Crawford, Ardner, Chmiel, Gravich and Jensen
          Airport Board – Paulson, Casavant and Skillcorn

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss airport land negotiations.

MOTION by Ardner, seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried to close the meeting to the public at 9:00 AM. Airport land negotiations were discussed during the closed session.

MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Ardner and unanimously carried to open the meeting to the public at 9:45 AM.

MOTION by Jensen to offer a purchase agreement on the property described on Kawalek’s counter-proposal with the following stipulations:

1. The FAA accepts the agreement and participates fully in the purchase for all land except parcel 8E (31.4 acres).
2. Kawalek agrees to apply for the annexation of her land in section one of Arthur Township.
3. The city surveys Kawalek’s land in section one of Arthur Township.
4. The loafing barn will be leased for $1 per year for one year to be renewed subject to runway construction and the needs of the project.

The council members and airport commission members discussed possible problems with noise complaints after the crosswind runway was opened. Jensen added the following stipulation to his motion:

5. The seller shall agree that the buyer shall be entitled to record a notice regarding the operation of an airport on any of the seller’s remaining property adjacent to airport property.

Gravich seconded the motion with the five stipulations. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Gravich and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:50 AM.
11/21/2006:

3. Airport Expansion Project – Linkert Land Acquisition Service Contract Agreement – City Administrator Dhein explained that an amendment to the contract was needed because SEH had performed additional services. The council members discussed the city’s share of the cost, rounding up on the contract, and actual costs for SEH’s services. MOTION by Ardner, seconded by Gravich and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the Linkert contract.

4. Airport Expansion Project – Preliminary Engineering Services Contract – Joel Dresel, SEH, informed the city council that the environmental assessment was complete, major land holdings had been acquired, funding was apportioned, and construction on the runway extension was expected to start in June 2007. Dresel presented the contract with SEH for proceeding with the project. Dresel and the council members discussed the crosswind runway, water and sewer for the airport, Corps of Engineers funding, and airport commission recommendations. MOTION by Gravich, seconded by Chmiel and unanimously carried to approve the preliminary engineering services contract.

5. Agricultural Land Lease – Dhein presented the two bids received for renting eighty acres of agricultural land purchased from Kawalek. Dhein and the council members discussed the lease, insurance, set-aside programs, and property taxes on the land. Ardner left the meeting at 7:06 PM. MOTION by Gravich, seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried to approve leasing the agricultural land to Bevan Beck for $35 per acre as long as property taxes on the rented land would be less than the amount of the rent.
1/2/2007:

2. 3:30 PM – Public Hearing – Annexation of Kawalek Properties – Ardner opened the public hearing at 3:33 PM. Community Development Planner Thorp explained that Kathleen Kawalek was requesting annexation of 64.97 acres of property in Arthur Township north of the city. The following individuals commented at the hearing:
Greg Yankowiak asked why the area was being annexed and questioned the need for a crosswind runway.
Denise Hanson asked about property tax increases, city sewer and water services, and restrictions in airport fly zones.
Ardner read a written comment from Larry Elwood in opposition to further annexation. MOTION by Gravich, seconded by Chmiel and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 3:40 PM.
Ardner and City Administrator Dhein responded to the comments from the public. MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Gravich to approve the attached Ordinance No. 351 extending the city limits to include Kawalek’s land. After a discussion of Hallin abstaining from the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 351

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORA, MINNESOTA, EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN LAND ABUTTING THE CITY OF MORA AND OWNED BY KATHLEEN KAWALEK
(See Attached)

5/15/2007:

8. Advertise for Bid – Airport Improvement Project – SEH Engineer Andy Peek explained that the next step in the runway extension project was to advertise for bids. Peek also explained the construction timetable, during which the runway would be closed for about thirty days. The council members discussed the project details with the engineer. MOTION by Johnson and seconded by Hallin to advertise for bids to be opened June 22nd. After a discussion of tree removal south of the runway and uses for the cleared land, the motion passed unanimously.

9/4/2007:

4. Approve Consent Agenda Items – After a discussion about advertising forfeited vehicle sales, MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Hallin and unanimously carried to approve the following items:
A. Minutes of 8-21-07 Council Meeting
B. Airport Runway Pay Estimate #1 to Dresel Contracting for $145,665.87
C. Letter of Agreement for lead liquor store clerk pay
D. Sale of the following forfeited vehicles:
   1998 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup - $301 – Ken Rollins
   1997 Dodge Intrepid 4-Dr Sedan - $711 – Derek Olson
10/2/2007:

4. Approve Consent Agenda – After a discussion of the police department technology agreement, MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Hallin and unanimously carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

A. Minutes of September 18, 2007
B. Solicit bids for lease of surplus airport farmland
C. Pay Request #2 for Dresel Construction in the amount of $464,499.34 for the airport runway project
D. Employment extension for Steve Froehlich for maintenance through October 31st.
E. Continuation of PD Technology Agreement with Kanabec County at a cost of $5470 for 2008

11/6/2007:

5. Consent Agenda – After a clarification on the Klapmeier sewer exemption permit, MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Hallin and unanimously carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

A. Approve Minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting.
B. Award a three-year agricultural land lease to high bidder Bevan Beck.
C. Approve a Wine & 3.2 on-sale beer license to Mustang Steakhouse, LLC.
D. Approve Resolution No. 2007-1101 authorizing execution of MnDOT grant agreement for airport maintenance and operation. See attached.
E. Approve Resolution No. 2007-1102 for David Klapmeier sewer exemption request. See attached.
F. Approve Pay Request #3 to Dresel Contracting, Inc. for $878,333 for runway reconstruction and extension.

5/20/2008:

11. Cross-Wind Runway Project – Land Acquisition – At 7:16 PM, MOTION by Gravich, seconded by Hallin and unanimously carried to close the meeting for land acquisition discussion. At 7:45 PM Mayor Ardner reopened the meeting. Crosswind runway land acquisition was discussed during the closed session. MOTION by Johnson and seconded by Hallin to proceed with land acquisition of parcel #13, 9.03 acres of Yankowiak property, for the crosswind runway project. The council members discussed the importance of the crosswind runway and stating the reasons for constructing it. The city council directed Dhein to update the finding of fact to support the need for the crosswind runway. The motion passed unanimously.
12/16/2008:

10. Discuss Airport Crosswind Runway Project – Dhein informed the city council that a government stimulus program could provide 95% funding for a $2,000,000 grass crosswind runway at the Mora Municipal Airport. The council members discussed acquiring the Yankowiak property for the runway, eminent domain costs, requirement to build the crosswind, attorney costs, and delaying construction. MOTION by Chmiel and seconded by Johnson to move forward with land acquisition for the crosswind runway. After a discussion on the cost of the project, the motion passed unanimously.

2/17/2009:

9. Review Engineering Agreement for Airport Land Acquisition – Dhein reported that SEH had begun land acquisition negotiations for the crosswind runway. Dhein and the city council reviewed the proposed land acquisition agreement with SEH. After a discussion of the 15% profit SEH included in the contract, MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Hallin and unanimously carried to approve the proposal at a cost of $13,900. The city council directed Dhein to discuss the 15% profit with the SEH engineer.

3/17/2009:

10. Airport Matters – Joel Dresel, SEH airport engineer, reviewed the history and progress of the airport runway extension and crosswind runway projects. Dresel and the council members discussed land acquisition negotiations, eminent domain costs, crosswind markings, and winter use of the crosswind runway. The city council did not take any formal action.

11/17/2009:

8. Request to Address Council – Greg & Debbie Yankowiak – Greg and Debbie Yankowiak addressed the council concerning Yankowiaks’ property needed for a new crosswind runway. Yankowiaks stated the crosswind was not necessary and would damage trees and wetlands. The council members did not discuss the issue because of eminent domain proceedings on the property.
7/20/2010:

8. Engineering Services for Airport Cross Wind Runway Project – Joel Dresel, SEH, reported that FAA funding had become available. Dresel recommended approving a contract with SEH to develop final plans and specifications for the public bidding process. Dresel also recommended approving installation of PAC/SAC navigational equipment during the construction.

The city council and Dhein discussed the fencing requirements, excavation, mobilization costs, and the FAA grant. Ardner read a note from Hallin stating she was opposed to construction of the crosswind runway.

City Clerk Hjelle commented that the crosswind runway was a poor use of taxpayers’ funds because there was no benefit to the city. The city council and Hjelle discussed the need for the runway, safety, and commercial use of the crosswind.

MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Gravich and unanimously carried to approve the SEH proposal for engineering services subject to FAA approval.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Chmiel and unanimously carried to approve the amendment for PAC/SAC equipment subject to FAA approval.

9/7/2010:

8. Airport Planning Grant – City Administrator Dhein explained that the $99,085 FAA grant would cover 95% of the costs of:

A. Design services for a turf crosswind runway
B. Design services for 2000’ of 10’ high fence
C. Establishing GIS control monuments

After a discussion of the crosswind runway project, MOTION by Johnson and seconded by Gravich to accept the FAA grant. Ardner, Chmiel, Gravich and Johnson voted in favor of the motion. Hallin voted in opposition to the crosswind runway. Mayor Ardner declared the motion passed.
3/15/2011:

14. Airport Runway Plans and Specifications – Joel Dresel, SEH, recommended that the city advertise for bids for the crosswind runway project in order to be prepared to accept federal funding should it become available in 2011. Dresel reviewed a timetable for construction. Council member Akkerman commented that the crosswind runway was a waste of money and city should not be taking someone’s land for it. The council members discussed the history of the crosswind, the importance of the airport, eminent domain, possible lost funding if the project was canceled, and repaying the FAA for land acquisition funds. MOTION by Johnson and seconded by Chmiel to approve the plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the crosswind runway project. The city council discussed the project timetable, federal funding, and bids for the project. Ardner, Chmiel and Johnson voted in favor of the motion. Akkerman voted in opposition. Mayor Ardner declared the motion passed.

15. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak spoke in opposition to the crosswind runway, stating the wetlands he owned should not be altered for a project with no public purpose.

4/5/2011:

10. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak spoke in opposition to the proposed crosswind runway. Yankowiak stated the city had no obligation to construct the runway, there was no need for the runway, and the city would have maintenance and liability issues with a crosswind runway. Dhein commented that constructing the crosswind was optional for the city, but the city may have to repay funding if the project was canceled.

14. Miscellaneous – Akkerman stated that she was opposed to the crosswind runway project and questioned the validity of the 2003 environmental assessment. The council members discussed public opinion, legal action, the need for the crosswind, and FAA funding.

The council members considered providing a charging station for electric cars.
4/19/2011:

6. Airport Crosswind Runway – Mayor Ardner announced that Greg Yankowiak, property owner, and Dustin Paulson, Airport Board Chair, would each have ten minutes to speak to the council about the proposed runway. Ardner stated that other interested citizens would have up to three minutes to speak. Ardner also stated that, at the advice of the city attorney, the council members would not respond to comments nor would they take any formal action.

Yankowiak spoke in opposition to the runway saying the public was not well-informed about the runway, the runway would damage a wildlife area, eminent domain should not be used when there is no public purpose, and there was not a safety need for the runway.

Paulson reviewed the history of the crosswind runway. Paulson stated most of the funding would be from taxes related to air traffic, Mora needed a crosswind runway because of its central location, medical staff used the airport, and the crosswind would attract businesses to Mora.

Twelve other citizens spoke in opposition to the crosswind citing poor use of public funds, limited recreational use for very few pilots, pilots using better facilities for emergencies, improper use of eminent domain, and continuing maintenance costs of a crosswind.

Another airport commissioner spoke in support of constructing the crosswind runway for safety reasons.

Mayor Ardner thanked the public for the comments. The city council recessed from 7:39 PM until 7:49 PM.
May 2, 2011 work session

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Ardner called to order the work session of the Mora City Council at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 2, 2011 in the city hall council room.

ROLL CALL:  Ardner, Akkerman, Chmiel, Gravich and Johnson

Airport board members Paulson, Fosler and Halsey and SEH engineers Dresel and Zitzow also attended the meeting.

1. Discuss Crosswind Runway Project – Mayor Ardner recapped the recent crosswind project history including the landowner opposition and public input received.

   City Administrator Dhein presented and reviewed a memo detailing crosswind costs to date, costs remaining, and potential costs of canceling the project.

   The group discussed maintenance costs of a crosswind runway, use of Future Improvement Funds, expected 2012 budget shortfalls, grant application, land acquisition, repayment to FAA, probability of funding, Kastenbauer house funding, the 2001 environmental assessment, a citizen petition, use of eminent domain, use of public funds, public opinion, airport safety, runway construction, wetlands affected, crosswind runways in other cities, rental income and the cost of mowing.

2. Adjournment – MOTION by Gravich, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:36 PM.
5/3/2011:

6. Airport Crosswind Runway Project – Mayor Ardner reviewed the May 2nd discussion including possible lighting and snowplowing, wetland alterations, arrival per day figures, financial costs of canceling the project, pilot safety, FAA grants, eminent domain, annual costs, and the previous runway extension project.

City Administrator Dhein reviewed the following options for the runway:

1. Apply for the grant and decide to accept or reject later.
2. Cancel the project and negotiate grant repayment to the FAA.
3. Delay the project because city funds were not set aside.

The city council, Dhein, and SEH Engineer Dresel discussed the three options, future grant funding, the partial crosswind construction, grant repayment, selling airport land, and 2012 construction costs.

MOTION by Akkerman and seconded by Gravich to delay construction until the FAA provided grant repayment figures. The council members discussed establishing a time limit for the delay. Akkerman and Gravich amended the motion and the second to delay the project until March 1, 2012 to allow time for the FAA to provide grant repayment figures. The motion passed unanimously.

9. OPEN FORUM – Greg Yankowiak thanked the council for the delay in crosswind runway construction and distributed written comments disputing the need for a crosswind runway.

2/21/2012:

6. Construction Projects – Dhein reviewed the following 2012 construction projects:

A. Wastewater pre-treatment--Completion was scheduled for March 2012.
B. Landfill gas generation--To be on-line as soon as telecommunications problems were solved.
C. Street Improvement Projects--The group decided to proceed with the storm water and street plan for 7th Street but to delay projects for Central Avenue and Edgewood Park.
D. Crosswind Runway--No definitive response from FAA about abandoning the project.
E. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades--New phosphorus discharge limits required extensive upgrades which were planned for 2015-2016.
F. Highway 65--MnDOT was planning to start major improvements of Highway 65.
G. Highway 65 Lighting--Poles and lamps were scheduled to be replaced by MnDOT in 2012.
3/20/2012:

6. Crosswind Runway Project – City Administrator Dhein reviewed the history of the crosswind runway. Dhein also presented a response from the FAA which stated the city would be expected to repay the FAA for the FAA’s share of the previous land acquisition costs if the city abandoned the project. Dhein estimated that abandoning the project would cost the city about $103,200. Completing the project would cost the city about $102,700 plus annual maintenance of about $10,500. Dhein and the council members discussed the costs to proceed or abandon, funding, a construction timetable, FAA grant funding, the history of the crosswind, annual maintenance costs, limited use, and taxpayer contributions. Since Gravich was not at the meeting, MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to table the issue until the April 20th meeting when Gravich could provide his input.

7. Highway 65 Lighting – Dhein explained that most of the lighting poles along Highway 65 needed to be replaced. Dhein reported that MnDOT had offered to replace the poles and luminaries if the city accepted responsibility for the lights after the replacements were made. The city council discussed the use of the new poles, future Highway 65 construction, installing decorative poles, LED lighting, and the expected life of the new poles. MOTION by Akkerman, seconded by Johnson and unanimously carried to approve the attached resolution No. 2012-321. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with SEH for lighting-project engineering services at a cost of up to $11,500.

8. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak, 2116 213th Avenue, spoke in opposition to the crosswind runway project. Yankowiak stated the project would damage farmland and wetlands, a grass runway would be a liability to the city, and reasons to construct a crosswind runway were refutable.
4/17/2012:

7. Airport Crosswind Runway Project – Dhein reviewed the costs to proceed or abandon the crosswind runway project. Dhein also presented several land sale price scenarios. The council members discussed the runway costs, reimbursing the FAA for its contribution to land acquisition, annual maintenance costs, MN/DOT reimbursement for annual airport costs, citizens’ opposition, limited use of a crosswind runway, delaying the project, negotiating a settlement with the FAA, asking US Senators and the US Representative for assistance, uses for the Future Improvement Fund, and the General Fund budget. MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to ask the FAA if it will accept the selling price of the land as settlement for the FAA’s contribution and to ask Senators Klobuchar and Franken and Representative Cravaack for help negotiating with the FAA.

11. Open Forum – Firefighter Jody Anderson, 600 McLean Street, complained that fire department supervisor qualifications and policies had been changed to prevent her from becoming an officer.

Greg Yankowiak, 2116 213th Avenue, questioned the costs of proceeding or abandoning the crosswind runway project. Yankowiak commented that the crosswind would have little use and eminent domain for obtaining his land would not prevail in court.

Emmett Oien, 121 White Pine Court, stated that pilots rarely used a crosswind and maintenance would be costly.

The council recessed from 8:00 PM to 8:08 PM.
6/19/2012:

7. Airport Crosswind Runway Project – City Administrator Dhein reported that the FAA program manager responded that he would not accept the proceeds from land sales as satisfaction for grant funds expended. The council members discussed contacting US Senators and Representatives, letters of support from pilots, the costs of continuing or abandoning the project, and possible benefits of having a crosswind runway.

MOTION by Johnson and seconded by Gravich to go ahead with the crosswind runway project. Ardner, Chmiel, Gravich and Johnson voted in favor of the motion. Akkerman voted in opposition. Mayor Ardner declared the motion passed.

8. 7th and Central Drainage Project – Greg Anderson, SEH, presented drawings of proposed improvements to 7th Street and Grove Street. The council members discussed the improvements, school property drainage, creating wetlands, and setting a maximum price for bids. MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to advertise for bids covering the four areas of the project.

9. Contract for Building Inspection Services with City of Quamba – Dhein presented the request to provide building inspection services for the City of Quamba. The council members and Quamba Mayor Ladwig discussed the contract, insurance, and the number of building permits per year. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Gravich and unanimously carried to approve the contract providing building inspection services for Quamba.

10. Amend Agreement for Building Inspection Services with Arthur Township – Dhein explained that the amendment would make the contract continuous rather than renewable annually. MOTION by Akkerman, seconded by Chmiel and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the contract.

11. Open Forum – Peg Roesler requested that her autistic grandson’s personal care attendant be allowed to accompany her grandson into the MAC without using a ticket from Roesler’s Friends and Family pass.

Pam Schultz, director Brighter Day Residence, spoke in support of Roesler and other individuals with a PCA.

Greg Yankowiak spoke in opposition to the crosswind runway. Yankowiak stated the grass strip lacked benefit, damaged land, and eminent domain might not prevail.

Rick Martens commended the city for excellent airport maintenance including snowplowing. Martens also suggested gravity flow for Lake Mora, because pumping would be very expensive.

Mike Crow commented that an environmental impact study of the airport project should have been done to avoid sending additional water to Lake Mora without additional outflow. Crow questioned spending money on 7th and Grove Street drainage when Lake Mora needed funds to lower the lake level.

Jeanne McNally complained about the damage from the high water in Lake Mora. She also stated that out-of-town pilots would not spend money or pay taxes in Mora.
7/17/2012:

7. Airport Crosswind Runway/Deer Fencing Project – Dhein reported that he and Council Member Akkerman had met with FAA officials concerning the airport and the crosswind runway. Dhein mentioned that the FAA officials had recommended constructing a deer fence along the bike trail and conducting a wind-data study for the crosswind runway.

The council members, Dhein and SEH Engineer Joel Dresel discussed the wind-data study, cost and timetable for the study, investing in the airport instead of repaying the FAA if the runway is not constructed, cost and specifications for a deer fence, and FAA funding. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to proceed with the wind-data study and the deer fence.

8. Mora Lake Water Level – Greg Anderson, SEH, presented the following options for alleviating high water issues:

A. Replace the present outlet pipe with a 27” pipe – cost estimate $296,000
B. Pumping out the water – Unfeasible because of the volume to be pumped.
C. Install a new outlet in First Street – cost estimate $370,000
D. Install sanitary sewer and water for Central Avenue – estimate $370,000
E. Purchase flood prone property.

Anderson and the council members discussed the options, the number of residences on Central Avenue, the capital improvement program, assessing costs to lake property owners, and the present water level.

Property owner Dennis McNally stated;
1. There should be money for dealing with Lake Mora if there was money for drainage along Grove Street.
2. More rain would cause serious problems for properties along the lake.
3. Other property owners deserved buyouts.
4. Additional water was flowing in from the airport.

The council members agreed to include Lake Mora drainage in the capital improvement plan.
9/18/2012:

10. Accept Grants for Deer Fence Construction and Crosswind Runway Wind Analysis – City Administrator Dhein reported that the cost of the two projects would be $77,821, with FAA/MnDOT grants covering $62,028 of the cost. Dhein explained that grants would not cover 90% as usual because the FAA officials felt a previous crosswind runway grant included engineering costs for the fence. The council members discussed bidding out a portion of the project, crosswind grants, wind analysis, the need for a fence, plan and specification requirements, high engineering costs, and paying twice for the same work. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to accept the two grants and the following resolution pending resolution of the engineering fees issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-923

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION
(See Attached)
10/16/2012:

9. Airport Wind Analysis and Deer Fencing – Joel Dresel, SEH, and the city council discussed the additional engineering fees incurred because the crosswind runway and the deer fencing projects were separated. Dresel commented that the city could save some engineering fees by having the city building official conduct inspections of the project. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Gravich and unanimously carried to accept the $34,221 quote from Century Fence.

Dresel reported that the results of the wind analysis met the criteria in the original environmental assessment for the crosswind runway. Dresel also reported that FAA guidelines required that the crosswind generate an additional 500 operations (takeoffs and landings) per year. Dresel stated that SEH estimated there would be only 212 additional operations, so the crosswind would not be a priority for FAA funding. Dresel and the council members discussed the FAA funding percentage, airport commission action, and future crosswind funding.

10. Discuss Airport Fuel Tanks – City Administrator Dhein reported that the underground 100LL tank at the airport had failed a recent cathodic protection test. Dhein and the city council discussed the following options:

1. Stop selling fuel at the airport.
2. Repair the tank using impressed current protection – cost $10,000-$25,000
3. Replace the underground tank – cost $100,000 – MnDOT might fund 50%
4. Switch the Jet A tank to 100LL and discontinue sales of Jet A.

The council members preferred option 4. Mayor Ardner directed Dhein to conduct further research on the options and costs.

11. Discuss Airport Fuel Smart Cards – Dhein explained that Smart Cards had been issued to about thirty pilots to allow them to purchase fuel at a discount and to be billed directly by the city. Dhein asked the city council for guidelines for issuing Smart Cards. The council members discussed credit/debit cards, requests for Smart Cards from out of area pilots, and continuing the service for local pilots. MOTION by Akkerman, seconded by Johnson and unanimously carried to discontinue Smart Cards and to require all pilots to use credit/debit cards for fuel purchases as of January 1, 2013.
11/20/2012:

11. Airport Crosswind Runway Project – Dhein reported that he had met with MnDOT and FAA about crosswind runway options. Dhein mentioned that the city council had previously moved to proceed with the project.

Joel Dresel, SEH, reviewed problems of the crosswind not being expected to generate as many operations as FAA guidelines recommended and the landowner being reluctant to sell land for the project. Dresel suggested asking the FAA for further crosswind funding to determine if the FAA would continue to fund the project. Dresel and the council members discussed repaying previous grants, FAA guidelines, and eminent domain issues. At 7:14 PM, MOTION by Chmiel, seconded by Johnson and unanimously carried to close the meeting to discuss land acquisition.

Mayor Ardner reopened the meeting at 7:26 PM. The city council discussed land acquisition during the closed session. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Chmiel and unanimously carried to request an FAA grant of $25,000 for pre-legal work for land acquisition.


A. Apply impressed current protection to replace the cathodic protection. Cost $18,000-$20,000.
B. Replace the 12,000 gallon 100LL tank with a 6,000 gallon tank. Cost $50,000 with a 50% match from the state.
C. Switch the Jet A tank to 100LL and discontinue Jet A. Cost $4500.

The council members discussed the options, installing an above-ground tank, removing the old tank, Jet A users, installing a second tank in the future, and the upgrade deadline of May 15, 2013. MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to choose option C.

13. Airport Capital Improvement Program – Dhein and the council reviewed the CIP and discussed fuel tank replacement, fencing, and funding for the Kastenbauer property. The council did not take any formal action on the CIP.

2/5/2013:

10. Airport Review – Administrator Dhein updated the council on the history of the crosswind runway project from the very beginning. He also explained our current status and future options.

The State Aviation System Plan was also reviewed. Dhein was asked to draft a letter indicating the council’s support of the plan.

Dhein indicated that the RFP for mowing and snow removal at the airport will be sent out later this week. Quotes on tank replacement will be obtained at a later date.
7/16/2013:

14. Miscellaneous – City Clerk Hjelle reviewed the liquor store’s June financial statement, which showed the store’s net income to be down $19,549 from 2012. Dan Greene, liquor store manager, commented that cool weather caused low May and June sales, but July sales were very good.

Hjelle presented the General Fund expenditure report, which showed expenditures through June were about 44% of the annual budgeted amount.

Dhein mentioned that he would be meeting with the FAA on July 31st concerning the crosswind runway.

Dhein reported that an attorney had filed a complaint stating Mora police officers had violated his client’s privacy by viewing her driver’s license record in 2007.

The city council decided to hold a regular meeting at 6:30 PM on August 6th.

Dhein mentioned that the city newsletter had been inserted with utility bills for a substantially lower mailing cost.
8/20/2013:

9. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak spoke in opposition to the council acquiring his land for crosswind runway construction. Yankowiak stated the city had no obligation to construct a crosswind runway and there had been no accidents since the previous crosswind was closed.

Lucy Schultz spoke in opposition to the rezoning in item 7, stating a commercial area should not be rezoned industrial.

10. Airport Crosswind Runway and Land Acquisition – Mayor Ardner reported that he and City Administrator Dhein had recently met with the FAA, MnDOT and SEH. Ardner stated that the FAA and MnDOT continued to support the project. Ardner mentioned that the FAA expected all grant moneys issued to the city to be returned to the FAA if the city abandoned the project.

Dhein reviewed the costs to the city if the project were constructed ($281,410) or abandoned ($216,117 to $332,363).

The council members considered the costs, the need for a crosswind runway, and the city’s obligation. MOTION by Skramstad and seconded by Bollenbeck to approve resolution no. 2013-822. Ardner, Bollenbeck, Jensen and Skramstad voted in favor of the motion. Akkerman voted in opposition. Mayor Ardner declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-822
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES
(See Attached)

At 7:17 PM, MOTION by Skramstad, seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried to close the meeting for discussion of land acquisition. Mayor Ardner reopened the meeting at 7:45 PM. The city council discussed land acquisition with the city’s attorney during the closed session.

9/17/2013:

8. Land Leases – City Administrator Dhein explained that the agricultural land leases were expiring for 105 acres at the airport and 17 acres at the cemetery. The council members discussed crosswind runway construction, length of a lease for the airport land, and bidding out or extending the present lease. The city council decided to request bids for a one-year lease on the airport land.

The council members discussed the $100 lease for cutting hay on the cemetery land, renting out for crops, and requesting bids. The city council decided to extend the $100 lease with Joe Becker through 2014.
### 12/3/2013:

6. Miscellaneous – Joel Dhein told the group that we have not heard back from Yankowiaks on the offer on their land for the crosswind runway. They were given 30 days to respond to the original offer.

Mayor Ardner reminded the group of the "Breakfast with Santa" at the fire hall on Saturday, December 7th from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

### 3/18/2014:

7. Airport Beacon – A grant covering 70% of the expenses to repair the airport beacon is available from the State of Minnesota. MOTION by Bollenbeck, seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried to accept MN Grant Agreement #05603 and further to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign said agreement as stated in the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-322

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION

(See Attached)

8. Vector Unit – This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

9. OPEN FORUM – Greg Yankowiak spoke on the outcome of the eminent domain proceedings and his concern for the endangered butternut trees that will be removed if the City moves ahead with the crosswind runway. He asked the council to stop the project, to consider the cost and need for the crosswind runway and the litigation exposure we are opening ourselves to.

### 4/15/2014:

7. Airport Crosswind Runway Project – Joel Dresel, SEH, reviewed the discussion that he, the Mayor and the City Administrator had with the FAA on April 9th. Moving ahead with the crosswind runway project depends on whether an updated environmental assessment (EA) will be required. The response to the EA will determine when SEH can go ahead and apply for the necessary wetland and tree removal permits. No action will be taken until the EA decision is final.

8. OPEN FORUM – Greg Yankowiak expressed his concern for the endangered butternut trees and disrupting the wildlife in the area of the proposed crosswind runway project. He also asked if it was really necessary to build this runway with another crosswind runway only 17 miles away.

9. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal – It is necessary to have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) in place in order to receive federal assistance on city projects.

MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Bollenbeck and unanimously carried to approve the attached Policy Statement relative to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.
5/6/2014:

6. Airport Fuel Leak Remediation Investigation Consultant – Proposals for consultant work due to the fuel leak at the airport were received and reviewed by Dhein and Street Superintendent Kohlgraf. This cost will be reimbursed by the Petro-Fund at 90%. MOTION by Bollenbeck, seconded by Skramstad and unanimously carried to approve the low bid of $15,055.80 for Meisch and Associates with permission to go to the next low bidder (AET) if a discrepancy is found.

10. Miscellaneous – Dhein stated that we still have not received a commitment from the FAA on the need for an environmental assessment at the airport for the crosswind runway. Our engineer feels there will not be any construction this year and we can go ahead and rent the land. MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Skramstad and unanimously carried to approve renting said acreage to Bevan Beck for $85.50 per acre.

Dhein asked the council for permission to rent out the Kastenbauer house at the airport since we have received such low offers to sell. MOTION by Skramstad, seconded by Bollenbeck and unanimously carried to offer the house for rent with the stipulation in the lease that the tenant understands that we will give a 60-day notice if the house sells.

The council asked staff to present a plan of action for the completion of performance reviews for all staff.

6/17/2014:

8. Airport Crosswind Runway Update – Joel Dresel, SEH, reviewed the steps in the crosswind runway project that have led us to the point in which we are ready to complete the eminent domain process. Land acquisition and permitting are the next steps needed to keep this project moving forward.

MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Bollenbeck and unanimously carried to approve the contract amendment between the City of Mora and SEH for $22,700 for land acquisition services.

MOTION by Skramstad, seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried to approve the contract between the City of Mora and SEH for $9,400 for permitting services.

10. OPEN FORUM – Greg Yankowiak spoke about his concern for the trees, the wildlife and the wetlands that will be effected by construction of the crosswind runway. He asked the council to consider the flooding that may occur if the wetlands are filled and the water redirected. Yankowiak also mentioned a letter he sent that has a number of unanswered questions.
7/15/2014:

B. Mora Lake Levels – Alan Motschenbacher was present to ask the council if they have anything planned to help lower the level of Mora Lake. Due to the excessive rain this summer his property has been threatened by the high water levels. He also asked if the crosswind runway project planned for 2015 will cause any additional run-off to Mora Lake.

Administrator Dhein reviewed the options proposed in the past. Dhein will look in to the history of the lake levels and forward to Motschenbacher.

C. Jewell Street Drainage – Pam Vojvodich and Ken Venhuizen were present to discuss the drainage between the homes on Jewell and Walnut. Homeowners along the drainage swale have altered the landscape with gardens and trees over time and have caused the water to no longer drain as constructed. The city’s option is to notify property owners of necessary repairs, make the repairs ourselves if the property owners do not respond and bill said repairs back to the property owner.

E. Crosswind Runway Project – Greg Yankowiak was present to ask the council to consider public opinion on the airport project and cancel the project. He is also concerned with quick-take versus normal eminent domain, a public hearing on endangered species to inform the public, the lack of an archeological study on his property, and the number of trees that will be lost that will affect the appraisal of his property. Dhein will help Yankowiak get the answers he is looking for. He also asked the council to consider the long term cost of adding a crosswind runway.

7/15/2014 (joint w/PUC):

8. Project Updates

A. Airport – Dhein reported that we have title to the Yankowiak property, the engineers are doing their surveying, bids will be taken in late winter/early spring and we will break ground in the fall of 2015 for the crosswind runway.

B. Grove/Wood Street & Utilities Project – The feasibility study will be presented at the August Council and PUC meetings. An assessment hearing will be held this fall with construction starting in the spring of 2015.

8/19/2014:

10. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak was present to comment on the crosswind runway and the effect it will have on his property. He is still waiting to hear from someone about the impact to his property for appraisal purposes. He is also concerned about the seagulls, the lack of an archeological study and allowing public input on the project.
9/16/2014:

11. Open Forum - Robert Schroeder addressed the council on the city’s pawn shop ordinance. He has made an offer on the building on the corner of Union Street and Riverside and would like to open an archery/sporting goods shop and a pawn shop. The city’s pawn ordinance has not been reviewed for quite a few years and the fees are quite high compared to surrounding cities.

    Mayor Ardner directed staff to look into the ordinance and fees and we will address it at the October 7th meeting.

    Greg Yankowiak addressed the council on the crosswind runway project and his property. He handed out a letter written by a FAA Engineering Tech and his opinion on the project. He also stated that he has been in contact with a U.S. Forestry Butternut Specialist regarding his stand of butternut trees.

    SEH staff has been to the property and reviewed the plan with him. There will also be a surveyor at his property tomorrow to answer more questions.

    Yankowiak is asking the council to consider the economic viability of the project and to offer a public hearing for public input.

11/18/2014:

13. Airport Crosswind Runway Update - Administrator Dhein updated the group on various issues with the crosswind runway such as land acquisition, pending legal action, environmental concerns and funding of the project. SEH Airport Engineer Joel Dresel will be attending a meeting with the FAA next week and will have more to report in December.

12/2/2014:

8. Miscellaneous – Mayor Ardner reminded the group about the joint work session with the PUC planned for December 10th at 5:00 PM. The only topic on the agenda will be the Wood and Grove Utility Improvements Project.

    Interviews will be held before the December 16th meeting tentatively at 5:00 PM for candidates for the vacated city council seat. Bob Jensen will send all council members an e-mail about all of the committees he is on representing the city.

    Dhein announced that the court appointed land commissioners met today to consider the award for Greg and Debbie Yankowiak for their land that will be used for the crosswind runway. They awarded $36,200. This award can be appealed or the MN Environmental Protection Act may be used to intervene.

    An ad was placed in the local papers today for openings on all boards and commissions as of 12-31-14. Applications will be due 12-29-14 for appointment at the council’s first meeting in January.
1/20/2015:

7. Airport Crosswind Runway Project Update – SEH Engineer Matt Zitzow updated the council on the crosswind runway project. We have received notice from the FAA that the actual construction of the crosswind runway will be shifted to calendar year 2016. We will be receiving a grant for the land acquisition portion in 2015. SEH will continue with the permitting process and has contacted the State about any discretionary funds that may be available to enable a calendar year 2015 construction project.

11. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak thanked the council members who were willing to review their file on the crosswind runway project from their prospective. He is upset that they had to go through a “Quick Take” process on his land for the crosswind and now the FAA has delayed the funding.

4/21/2015:

12. Open Forum – Lois and Martha Bush, 792 Sunset Lane, addressed the council on the speeding on 9th Street. They asked if speed bumps were an option. Dhein explained the use of speed bumps in the city and the future plans for 9th Street. This issue will be brought up to the Sheriff's department and the availability of a mobile speed sign will be reviewed.

Greg Yankowiak, 2216 213th Avenue, encouraged council members to contact Rick Olseen at Congressman Rick Nolan’s office. They have indicated to Yankowiak that they would be willing to help mitigate some of the land costs for the crosswind runway project.

5/5/2015:

15. Crosswind Runway Project – Dhein has received an e-mail from the FAA that the 2004 Environmental Assessment done for the crosswind runway is considered dated and a re-evaluation of the findings is required. They have also asked SEH to evaluate the feasibility of a 120-foot crosswind runway width. It is our understanding that none of this would be eligible for FAA funding.

Rick Olseen from Representative Nolan’s office has offered support to pursue a reduction in the amount that would need to be reimbursed if the project was cancelled. Mayor L’Heureux would like to pursue a discussion with Nolan. He feels this on-going delay is unfair to the landowner, pilots and the City.

MOTION by Treiber, seconded by Skramstad and unanimously carried to direct staff to write a letter to Representative Nolan and to Senator Klobuchar requesting help on current land values.

It was the consensus of the council to have a work session on June 10th at 5:00 PM to discuss this issue.
June 10, 2015 Work Session

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor L’Heureux called to order the work session of the Mora City Council at 5:02 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in the city hall council room.

ROLL CALL: Present – L’Heureux, Akkerman, Skramstad and Treiber
Absent – Bollenbeck

1. Discuss Crosswind Runway Project – Joel Dresel, SEH Aeronautics Engineer, was present to update the council on the status of the crosswind runway project. In a recent e-mail the FAA has suggested a change to our current crosswind design from a B-2 to an A-1. Expenses related to the change would be borne by the city. Environmental issues were discussed all have been addressed.

Staff has been in contact with our legislators to help the project come to a conclusion. The council will discuss the overall project in July.

Staff was directed to proceed with the grant application for the land acquisition of the Yankowiak property.

2. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.
7/21/2015:

9. Crosswind Runway Project - A decision needs to be made on the status of the crosswind runway project. The three options are:
   A. Move forward with the project. Funding available in 2016.
   B. Table the project until demand justifies the project.
   C. Abandon the project and work with FAA on land grant issues.
   After much discussion, MOTION by Bollenbeck, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to table the project until demand justifies the project.

13. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak thanked the council for the action on postponing the crosswind runway project. He also said he would like to buy his land back.
14. Small Cities Grant Policies & Agreement with Lakes and Pine – The City of Mora has been awarded a Small Cities Development Program grant in the amount of $651,590. MOTION by Treiber, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to sign the Small Cities Development Grant Contract between the State of Minnesota and the City of Mora. In order for the grant to be administered by Lakes and Pines a number of policies need to be adopted. MOTION by Treiber, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to adopt the Residential and Commercial Rehabilitation Program Policies and Procedures Manual. See attached.
   MOTION by Skramstad, seconded by Bollenbeck and unanimously carried to adopt the Prohibition of Excessive Force in Nonviolent Civil Rights Demonstrations Policy. See attached.
   MOTION by Akkerman, seconded by Treiber and unanimously carried to adopt the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Policy and Plan. See attached.
   The Contract Agreement for Administration of the Small Cities Development Program by and Between Mora, Minnesota and Lakes and Pines, CAC, Inc. of Mora, Minnesota was reviewed. Administrator Dhein was directed to work with Lakes and Pines on some changes to the agreement as there are some financial activities that the city council would like to be kept in-house.

9/1/2015:

3. Adopt Agenda - Mayor L’Heureux asked that a discussion on the crosswind runway be added to the agenda just before open forum. MOTION by Bollenbeck, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda with the aforementioned addition.

8. Discuss Crosswind Runway - Dhein had been contacted by Andy Peak, Assistant Director of the MN/Dakota Airport District Office, about the council’s decision to put the crosswind runway construction on hold for now. Both the State and the FAA are ready to fund the project now and are not willing to give a grant for reimbursement of the Yankowiak land if there is no commitment for building the runway. Dhein was asked to contact Peak to see if he could attend a special council meeting Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 PM. MOTION by Bollenbeck, seconded by Skramstad and unanimously carried to schedule a special city council meeting for Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the crosswind runway.
4. Discuss Crosswind Runway Project – Andy Peek, Director of the MN/Dakota District Office of the FAA was present to address the council on the status of the crosswind runway project. Peek gave some history of the project and stated that they need a definitive answer from the council on if and when the council plans to construct the crosswind runway.

Kathy Vesely, Assistant Director for the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics, stated that safety is a priority and a good justification for the project. Based on a map handed out by Vesely, there is large area around Mora without a crosswind runway and our crosswind project has been pinpointed as a priority project they want to fund.

Joel Dresel, SEH Engineer, stated that narrowing the runway will not limit aircraft and will help environmentally.

Kathy Vesely stated that the maintenance and operations money Mora receives from the State of MN will increase to partially cover the estimated $5000-$8000 needed for additional maintenance. Dresel estimated a 10% reduction to the maintenance estimate due to the narrowing of the runway.

This project could start as early as 2016.

Dustin Paulson, former airport board member, feels that the narrowing of the runway will help Greg Yankowiak with the environmental impact in the area. Paulson also sees this as the best opportunity we will have to get the crosswind back.

Greg Yankowiak thanked the council and state and federal representatives for their objectivity. He pointed out that the crosswind was never mandated by the FAA. He feels that pilots would rather land on a paved runway 17 miles from Mora than to land on a grass strip. Too much wildlife will be affected, including the butternut trees.

Yankowiak asked if it wouldn’t be cheaper for the State to purchase Field of Dreams in Hinckley for a crosswind rather than fund this crosswind.

Vesely stated that airports are owned by municipalities and counties, not the State of Minnesota. Ryan Martens said Field of Dreams is not a user friendly airport due to its direction.

Paulson felt that our area has already lost any railway access and an airport next to the industrial park would be appealing to businesses.

Dresel did not have a firm amount but estimated the redesign of the runway to cost approximately $15,000 to $20,000. Peek stated that the FAA would allow the redesign costs to be part of the grant.

Mayor L’Heureux thanked all in attendance for their comments and information. He felt it would all help the council make their decision.

After much consideration, MOTION by Skramstad and seconded by Bollenbeck to proceed with the project and the grant process. Voting in favor of the motion were L’Heureux, Bollenbeck, Skramstad and Treiber. Voting against the motion was Akkerman. The Mayor declared the motion passed.

5. Miscellaneous – The council did not bring up any miscellaneous items.

6. Adjournment – MOTION by Bollenbeck, seconded by Skramstad and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:50 PM.
9/15/2015:

13. Miscellaneous – Dhein received a request today from the Kanabec County Sheriffs’ Office asking permission to use the small Dala horse and the Lena statue as part of their seatbelt enforcement campaign. It was the consensus of the council to allow the request.

Mayor L’Heureux announced that the wedding reception discussed at the last 2 council meetings will not be taking place at the fairgrounds.
Public Works Director Kohlgraf and Dhein updated the council on the progress of the Wood and Grove project. All underground work and curb has been completed. The asphalt will be laid soon.

Kohlgraf also updated the council on the progress at the wastewater treatment plant. They are currently working on piping, the reed beds and aeration. The project has been going very well and is mostly on schedule. The council would like a tour of the facility sometime in October.

Dhein announced that we have received grant offers for the Yankowiak land reimbursement and the updated planning work on the crosswind runway. He also stated that the Kanabec County Board passed an enabling resolution to form a joint EDA. The council and the EDA need to get together to discuss if and when the City of Mora will join.

10/20/2015:

9. Open Forum – Mark Cannon addressed the council on leaf burning. Currently there is no burning of leaves allowed in the City. Cannon asked the council to open a period in the spring and the fall where leaves can be burned. The landfill is not maintaining the road leading to their leaf drop site and it is a hassle to residents to have to haul their leaves. The council will discuss this issue at their next meeting.

Greg Yankowiak addressed the council on the crosswind runway. He has data supporting the fact that there are more accidents caused by turf runways than accidents due to the lack of a crosswind runway. He presented a number of pictures showing the large amounts of wildlife on airport property and the runway. He asked if the City has ever done a Wildlife Hazard Assessment. Dhein will check on any requirements for the assessment.

10. Grant Agreement for Airport Land Acquisition – The Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Including Land Acquisition between the City of Mora and the State of Minnesota was reviewed. MOTION by Treiber, seconded by Bollenbeck and unanimously carried to approve the grant as presented and further to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1022
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION
(See Attached)
9. Airport Crosswind Runway Project – SEH Engineer Joel Dresel was present to field any questions on the agreement between the City and SEH for redesign of the crosswind runway. This is a grant eligible expense. Dresel also reviewed the schedule of milestones for the project. MOTION by Treiber, seconded by Akkerman and unanimously carried to enter into an agreement with SEH for redesign of the crosswind runway at a cost of $22,000.

10. Open Forum – Greg Yankowiak handed out a letter from an airport aviation consultant that had been written to the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the United States House of Representatives. The consultant contends that there are already too many airports in this country. Yankowiak expressed his disappointment in the quick-take process and the fact that the engineers made more money in the land sale than he did. He feels we are denying future generations’ access to the wildlife, the project is a waste of taxpayer’s money and the crosswind will not help safety for the pilots.