

Ogle Co. Pilots, Inc.

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Board of Directors Minutes

7 July 2025

Attendance:

Board Members:

Jon Bargren, Shellie Graden, TJ Graden, Jerry Hose, Gerry Hough, Gary Melvin, and Andrew Mundt
Members:

Bob Fernandez, William Smith and Keith Stranberg

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1800 Hours by Pres. Gerry Hough

President's Statement: No statement.

Hearing of Non-Board Members: None heard.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the 9 June 2025 Board of Directors meeting were presented. Jon Bargren made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd by Andrew Mundt. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Shellie Graden presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report was made Andrew Mundt. 2nd by Gary Melvin. Motion passed.

Old Business:

TJ Graden reported that refinancing the mortgage would give us 6.0 to 6.5 APR. If the airport property is considered farm land, it could be 5.75 to 6.0 APR.

100LL Pump – Jerry Hose made a motion to replace the pump ourselves. 2nd by Jon Bargren. Motion passed.

Motor Glider "Lawn Ornament" Update – TJ Graden

It will be moved to Steve Friel's Hangar (B1). Steve will do some prep work on it. It will then be moved to TJ's shop for painting.

Hangar B4 Account Update – Shellie Graden, others

No payment has been received since the previous board meeting. TJ Graden reported that our previous attorney is retiring and unable to address our situation in a timely manner. He talked to his attorney. His attorney will draft a letter to the owner of B4. The owner will have 5 days to respond after which we could choose to take legal action. Other potential OCPI actions were discussed (2nd letter, etc.) TJ will discuss the situation further with the attorney. Gerry Hough made a motion to approve all actions taken to date by TJ Graden and to proceed as directed by the attorney. 2nd by Andrew Mundt. Motion passed.

July 4th Breakfast – Shellie Graden, others

Numbers: 719 paid meals, which included 39 pilots, 21 pilot guests, and 5 volunteer guests

Profit: Undetermined yet, but will likely come in at \$3,500 - \$3,600.

Gun Raffle – Bob Fernandez: sold only 92 tickets this year (last year we sold 174). It was suggested that maybe next year we raffle a Blackstone or a VISA Gift Card.

After a discussion about using the old heavy wooden tables for the extra tent, Jon Bargren made a motion to buy 10 more 8' non-folding tables during another "super sale". 2nd by Jerry Hose. Motion passed. Andrew Mundt will monitor the table prices and buy them when the prices fall.

Secretary Replacement – Gerry Hough

Gerry reminded everyone that Gary Melvin will be leaving the secretary role after the Annual Meeting in September. He will type up the minutes from the Annual Meeting, but will be done after that. Gary is willing to remain on the board if re-elected.

Ashley Adams, Trustee/Administrator for the Roer Adams Trust and Estate. Gary Melvin replied to Ashley noting that we will be in touch again after consulting with an attorney. TJ Graden will discuss it with the attorney the next time he meets with him.

Our Property Insurance will be due on 1 August 2025. TJ Graden has contacted Facer Insurance and is working with them.

TJ Graden reported that 10 acres of the property east of the airport driveway has been sold. The owner will be erecting a hangar and home.

New Business:

Electrical Charges/Fees – Gerry Hough

At Gerry's request, Shellie Graden provided electrical charges and fees information. See image at the end of the minutes. The conclusion was we need to look at the total bill (vs. only energy charges) to more equitably apply electricity fees to the Infrastructure Fee charged to the hangar owners. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

To offset increasing costs, Shellie Graden suggested raffling a \$1,000 gift card at \$10/ticket, limit 300 tickets, similar, but in addition to, the current monthly raffle. Topic tabled until the next meeting.

TJ Graden reported that the IL Dept of Aviation stopped by for their annual airport inspection. Apparently we are required by the State of IL to have a POW flag or poster. Other than that, everything looked good.

Breakfast Left Over Food – Shellie Graden

Shellie sent a text message describing the left over food items that we are selling. No one expressed interest. Therefore, tomorrow, Gerry Hough and Gary Melvin will deliver the food to Rockford Rescue Mission.

On-Going Project List

New Hangar Construction Info Packet – Nothing new.

Website Conversion – On hold, nothing new.

Weather Station – On hold until the website conversion is complete.

Raffle Drawing:

The July raffle ticket winners were:

#0108 Tyler Black and #0202 Lisa Brunner

The 2025 winners are:

Jan: #0299 Stan Thums and #0020 Courtney Harris

Feb: #0021 Wyatt Holaday and #0057 Jerry Hose II

Mar: # 0002 Katie Erdmann and #0132 Larry Ebert

Apr: #0037 Nathan Friel and #0040 Natalie Gunterman

May: #0026 Wyatt Holaday and #0096 Skylar Smith

June: #0111 Michele Willing and #0297 Dominick Gunterman

Thank You to:

- Andrew Mundt for hauling all the old tables and chairs to the junk yard
- Knie's in Polo for loaning us a refrigerator
- Jerry Hose for picking up and dropping off the borrowed refrigerator from Knie's in Polo
- Shellie Graden for handling all the fly-in breakfast coordination
- Everyone that helped with the breakfast set-up, worked the breakfast, and helped with tear down and clean up

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1903.

*The next Board of Directors meeting may be held on Monday 4 August 2025 at 1800 Hrs.
(Remaining meeting dates this year are: 8 Sept (stockholders), 6 Oct, 3 Nov, and 1 Dec)*

	Comed Bill	B&C Hngs (metered except B3)	Remaining
25-Jan	\$444.87	\$180.79	\$264.08
25-Feb	\$412.34	\$164.57	\$247.77
25-Mar	\$426.40	\$128.82	\$297.58
25-Apr	\$284.35	\$100.80	\$183.55
25-May	\$204.86	\$109.98	\$94.88
25-Jun	???	\$85.61	???
	\$1,772.82	\$770.57	\$1,087.86

"A" Hngs
monthly flat fee = \$7.00

2025 (Jan-May) - paid to Comed = \$1,772.82
 2025 (Jan-May) - members paid = \$1,556.68
 difference = \$216.14

2024 (Jan-Dec) - paid to Comed = \$3,629.47
 2024 (Jan-Dec) - members paid = \$2,203.47
 difference = \$1,426