



# DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Donn Starkey, Secretary  
Don Tribbett, Attorney

Brad Hartz, Member  
Randy Fox, Member

## MINUTES

January 18, 2019

**DeKalb County Airport Authority Scheduled Meeting:** The DeKalb County Airport Authority members met in the Conference Room of the DeKalb Airport for the regular monthly meeting which began at 1:00 pm. In attendance at the meeting were; Myers, Korchyk, Fox, Hartz and Starkey, Airport Manager Couchman, Assistant Manager Hoit, Airport Maintenance employees Powell and Walter, Airport Attorney Don Tribbett, John Feister from BF&S, Lara and Tony Gaerte from Century Aviation along with Noel Sell, and Les Matheson from the Hoosier Air Museum. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Officer Elections:** Myers turned the meeting over to Attorney Don Tribbett for officer elections. Tribbett opened the floor for nominations for President. Korchyk made a motion to nominate Myers for President. There were no other nominations. Starkey made a motion to close nomination with a second from Myers. Nominations were closed. Tribbett asked for a vote to elect Myers as president and received a vote of 4-1, Hartz voting against electing Myers as President. The motion passed.

Tribbett asked for nominations for Vice President. Myers made a motion to elect Korchyk as Vice President. Starkey made a motion to close nominations with a second from Fox. Nominations were closed. Tribbett asked for a vote to confirm Korchyk as Vice President. The vote was 4-1 with Hartz voting against the election of Korchyk as Vice President. The motion passed.

Tribbett asked for nominations for Secretary. Myers made a motion to elect Starkey as Secretary. Fox made a motion to close nominations with a second from Korchyk. Nominations were closed. Tribbett asked for a vote to confirm Starkey as Secretary. The vote was 4-1 with Hartz voting against the election of Starkey as Secretary.

Tribbett asked for nominations for Treasurer. Myers made a motion to elect Couchman as Treasurer. Korchyk made a motion to close nominations with a second from Starkey. Nominations were closed. Tribbett asked for a vote to confirm Couchman as Treasurer. The vote was unanimous for the election of Couchman as Treasurer.

The new Officers are as follows: Myers – President, Korchyk –Vice President, Starkey – Secretary, and Couchman-Treasurer.

**Approve Agenda:** Myers presented the agenda for the January 18, 2019 Board Meeting. Korchyk made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Myers presented the December 21, 2018 meeting minutes for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with a second from Starkey. The motion passed unanimously.

**Claims:** Myers presented the January 2019 claims dockets for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the claims with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

**Managers' Report:** Couchman gave a brief on the MTI project along with Feister as well as answered some questions regarding snow removal operations.

**FBO Brief:** Gaerte reported flight instruction hours are up over 2017 with maintenance hours remaining about equal. Total Jet A sales for 2018 are about the same as 2017 while 100LL total sales are about 2/3 what they were in 2017. Aircraft rental hours show a strong December. Lara reported that Drew Hoffman passed his Certified Flight Instructor ride. Congratulation Drew!

**Consultant/Engineer Report:** Feister reported that grant AIP 25 is still sitting at 90% completion. The revised declared distance runway design has been submitted and reviewed by the Chicago ADO and will be seeking input from FAA headquarters after the Federal government reopens. Feister gave an overview of a wetland in lieu of program that might be pursued for wetland mitigation. BF&S has secured a contractor to perform around 12 bore samples in preparation for the runway extension. The Airport will pay for the work and then seek reimbursement in the future. BF&S was told to proceed with scheduling the work.

**Attorney Brief:** Tribbett reported that the Motion to Transfer to the Supreme Court has been filed along with an amicus brief by Aviation Indiana. He shared the response filed by Speedway and expects to receive one soon from the BZA. In regards to the Misner-Zion litigation where the Airport Authority is mentioned, Tribbett reached out to David Kruse for information. The Airport Authority decided to wait until February or later before taking any action to see how the case proceeds.

**Committee Briefs:** None.

**Board Member Briefs:** Hartz asked how the Airport Emergency Plan update was going and suggested that Fox work with staff to complete the redraft. Fox stated that he has received a copy of the draft plan and has been reviewing the plan.

**Upcoming Events:** Les Matheson reported on upcoming VAA 37 events to include the first pancake breakfast of 2019. He also reported on the upgrades to the Hoosier Air Museum kitchen that are underway.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 pm.

**Next meeting February 15, 2019  
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM  
DeKalb County Airport  
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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