



DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Don Tribbett, Attorney

Brad Hartz, Member
Randy Fox, Member

MINUTES

March 15, 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; President Myers, Vice-President Korczyk, Secretary Starkey, members Fox and Hartz, Airport Manager Couchman, Assistant Manager Hoit, Airport Maintenance employees Powell and Walter, Airport Attorney Don Tribbett, John Feister, Toby Steffen, and Brad Stump from BF&S, Tony Gaerte from Century and Les Matheson from the Hoosier Air Museum. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-1: Myers opened the public hearing and asked for public comments. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-1.

Approve Agenda: Myers presented the agenda for the March 15th, 2019 Board Meeting. The Economic Impact Study has been removed, and the Public Hearing was added. Korczyk made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Fox. Fox asked if we could possibly date future agendas so that if there are changes we can make sure we are all working from the same agenda. Couchman agreed to do so. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Myers presented the February 15, 2019 meeting minutes for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with a second from Korczyk. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims: Myers presented the March 2019 claims dockets for approval. Korczyk made a motion to approve the claims with a second from Starkey. The motion passed unanimously.

Managers' Report: Couchman

MTI Lease Changes: Attorney Tribbett explained that we have been asked to combine the old MTI lease with the new VRJ Holdings lease. To do this, the Board needs to approve assignment of the MTI lease to VRJ and we needed to draft a new comprehensive lease to VRJ. A new ordinance authorizing a long-term lease will need to be adopted by the DCAA as well, with first reading of the ordinance was at last month's meeting and the second reading was today along with the public hearing on the ordinance. After some discussion, Starkey made a motion to approve the MTI to VRJ assignment with a second from Fox, the motion passed unanimously. Korczyk then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-1, an ordinance to approve a long-term lease of airport property to VRJ Holdings LLC pursuant to IC 8-22-3-11(a20), with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

Insurance Discussion: Couchman explained that choosing not to reconstruct after a loss and instead raze the structure is not something that the insurance company would fully pay for. The decision then becomes, do we want

to save the premium and not replace homes along CR 60 if we had a substantial loss, or do we want to continue to cover the homes. After some discussion, Starkey made a motion to cancel casualty insurance on homes along CR 60 with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

Wildlife Issues: Couchman stated that he would like to Board to authorize Indiana DNR, Couchman and Hoit to take coyote off property year-round. We have seen a substantial uptick in population and tracks and scat all over inside the fence and on paved surfaces. Starkey made a motion with a second from Fox, the motion passed unanimously.

FBO Brief: Gaerte produced the FBO's monthly sales graphs and fuel gallons sold. He stated everything was down except for JetA. He stated that the Challenger has been flying a whole bunch lately. Lara got her Designated Pilot Examiner check ride done, Century has a new instrument pilot and a new instrument student. Ivy Tech picked up the items that were donated.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Feister reported that they have drafted an intent to use NPE money for 2019 that Myers will sign today. Starkey made a motion with a second from Korchyk to direct President Myers to sign the intent. The motion passed unanimously.

He also reported that the FAA has now approved the RPZ study with 7,100' and displaced thresholds. We now need to have our ALP updated and approved. It is anticipated that this process will move fairly quickly since the changes are fairly minor.

It appears that both IDEM and the Army Corps are both willing to agree to In-Lieu-Of program for wetland mitigation on the runway extension project and at the same time it indicated that they will not be forcing the 20% temporal loss factor on the wetlands thereby saving significant money for us. A formal request must be submitted to IDEM. BF&S will set up a conference call with the state and the FAA to discuss further. More to come. Fox made a motion to direct BF&S to modify plans from construction of wetlands to the In-Lieu-Of program. Korchyk seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Brief: Tribbett reported that the Supreme Court denied transfer of the Speedway case in a 3-2 vote.

Committee Briefs: None.

Board Member Briefs: None.

Upcoming Events: None.

Public Comments: Les Matheson stated that the HAM finished the upgrades to the kitchen. April 8th at 6:00pm they will be hosting an open house to show off the new upgrades. He thanked Gene and Jeff for their help in the project. The museum officially opened today for the season on Friday, Saturday and Sunday now through December. EAA Chapter 37 on March 23 will have their pancake breakfast from 8-11 am, and the 27th of March will be the next chapter meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

**Next meeting April 12, 2019
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM
DeKalb County Airport
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

Jesse Myers – President

Jerry Korchyk – Vice President

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