



# DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Jerry Korchyk, Vice President

Donn Starkey, Secretary  
Don Tribbett, Attorney

Brad Hartz, Member  
Randy Fox, Member

## MINUTES

July 19, 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 Korchyk, and members Fox and Hartz, Airport Manager Couchman, Assistant Manager Hoit, Airport Maintenance employees Powell and Walter, Airport Attorney Don Tribbett, and John Feister from BF&S. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda:** Myers presented the agenda for the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting. Korchyk made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Myers presented the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

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

### **Managers' Report:**

**Budget:** Couchman presented the DeKalb County Airport Authority 2020 budget in detail. He explained that the Budget Committee met earlier in the month and drafted the budget being presented. After some discussion, Fox made a motion to approve the 2020 budget documents as presented and direct Couchman to enter into Gateway and proceed with presenting to the County Council, with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

**Paratus Lease:** Couchman presented the Paratus Air lease for approval. After some discussion Korchyk made a motion to approve the Paratus Air lease as presented and direct President Myers to sign, with a second by Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

**Runway Extension Discussion:** Couchman stated that he would like to discuss the need to purchase the home on the extended centerline on the east side of CR 31. Feister stated that the home will need to be purchased for light lane placement. After some discussion, Fox made a motion to direct Tribbett to reach out to the homeowner and begin the process by hiring an appraiser and review appraiser. Korchyk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FBO Brief:** None, reports sent via email.

**Consultant/Engineer Report:** Myers opened the public hearing on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) renewal process and asked for comments. Hearing no comments, Myers then closed the hearing. The adopted goals have been placed on the website for the last month and will remain in place for another week from this date. BF&S will submit the goals to the FAA. Feister stated that the airport received a state apportionment grant in the amount of \$518,220.00 to be used for wetland mitigation. Korchyk made a motion to authorize President Myers to sign grant 3-18-0004-026-2019 with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously. See printed update from BF&S.

**Attorney Brief:** Tribbett stated that he received a counter offer to our \$62,500.00 offer on the Nelson home. Mr. Nelson would like \$75,000.00 and possession for a year after closing. After some discussion, Fox made a motion to direct Tribbett to accept the counter offer of \$75,000.00 and draft the appropriate documents granting leaseback for zero dollars (\$0.00) for one (1) year with the further caveat that Nelson acknowledges that the home is not his primary residence, as he previously stated. Korchyk seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Tribbett stated that Midwest Powerline hasn't paid anything on their lease since signing. An eviction was filed and served. Subsequently we have received payment in full for back rent and we are now awaiting payment for filing fees and legal fees. Midwest would like out of the lease at this point and there is a company that is ready to step into a new lease. After some discussion, Korchyk made a motion to grant a termination, via written agreement, of the lease and direct Tribbett to dismiss the lawsuit, with prejudice. Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Briefs:** Couchman stated that the Open House Committee met again, the Wings, Wheels and Wagons event moving along nicely. We have an agreement with our new hangar tenant to use the facility for the day. We are feeling very good about the aircraft that will be on display this year. We will have discounted helicopter rides and static displays of an A-10, a state police helicopter, a T-28, bamboo bomber and a PV-2 Harpoon. No food vendor has been chosen yet.

**Board Member Briefs:** None.

**Upcoming Events:** None.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

**Next meeting August 16, 2019  
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM  
DeKalb County Airport  
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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