



DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Don Tribbett, Attorney

Bob Patterson, Member
Randy Fox, Member

MINUTES

July 17, 2020

DeKalb County Airport Authority Scheduled Meeting: The DeKalb County Airport Authority members met in the DCAA Conference Room for the regular monthly meeting which began at 1:00 pm. In attendance at the meeting were; Myers, Korchyk, Starkey, Fox, and Patterson via video conference. Airport Attorney Tribbett attended via video conference. Assistant Airport Manager Hoit, attended in person. John Feister from BF&S attended via video conference while Steve Overy and Bill Browand from Paratus Air and Lara Gaerte from Century Aviation attended in person. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Myers presented the agenda for the July 17, 2020 Board Meeting for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously with a rollcall vote as follows: Myers aye, Korchyk aye, Fox aye, Patterson aye, Starkey aye.

Minutes: Myers presented the June 19, 2020 meeting minutes for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously with a rollcall vote as follows: Myers aye, Korchyk aye, Fox aye, Patterson aye, Starkey aye.

Claims: Myers presented the July 2020 claims docket for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the claims with a second from Starkey. The motion passed unanimously with a rollcall vote as follows: Myers aye, Korchyk aye, Fox aye, Patterson aye, Starkey aye.

Managers' Report: Hoit presented the 2020 Paratus I-5 lease for additional space for consideration. After some discussion, Korchyk made a motion to approve the lease as presented with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously with a rollcall vote as follows: Myers aye, Korchyk aye, Fox aye, Patterson aye, Starkey aye.

FBO Brief: Gaerte previously sent out graphs and charts to the Board. She stated that business is still slow in every area but flight training seems to be picking up and AvGas is doing fairly well. There was a significant bump in the maintenance graph due to one large project that was completed.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Feister reported that FAA Grant 28 for \$1,729,731.00 was submitted to the FAA on 6-22-2020. He went on to explain that we continue to work on several items that will help to facilitate the project once the grant is available. One of those is to determine the depth the high pressure gas line across the

construction area for the project. Feister went on to inform the Board that there is also an AT&T easement along the existing CR29 road alignment. BF&S is looking into options for modifying the easement. The options are, leave the easement and the duct in its current position, this will be the cheapest option, estimated at around \$50,000 for the airport but the easement will remain in its current location making it a bit of a concern in the future. The second option is to move the fiber and the easement outside the object free area. This would be approximately \$100,000. The third option would be to follow the new CR 62 alignment east to CR 31 and then back west down CR 60 and this option is estimated to be approximately \$150,000. After some discussion, the general consensus with the DCAA Board was to work towards option three where the alignment moves to the new road alignment. The Board asked John to continue working on firming up the cost estimates with AT&T.

Feister then briefed the Board that there will be some updated agreements for the Runway Extension Project in the coming months that will be submitted at a future meeting for consideration.

Finally, Feister mentioned that he is working to coordinate with Zachrich for concrete maintenance.

Attorney Brief: Tribbett briefed the Board that the letter from Mr. Gaumer to Mr. Barkhaus dated July 9, 2020 seems to indicate that if we care to protect our rights, we need to appeal the decision in the letter to the BZA. After some discussion, to include referencing the meeting when Mr. Barkhaus addressed the Board and stated that if he wanted a pond, all he had to do is claim he was extracting minerals and he could have his pond. Starkey made a motion to direct Tribbett to draft a letter in response and request a BZA hearing. Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a rollcall vote as follows: Myers aye, Korchyk aye, Fox aye, Patterson aye, Starkey aye.

Committee Briefs: None.

Board Member Briefs: Fox stated that he briefed the Council and Commissioners again on July 6th to include the fact that we have not raised taxes in a decade.

Upcoming Events: None.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

**Next meeting August 21, 2020
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM
DeKalb County Airport
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

Jesse Myers – President

Jerry Korchyk – Vice President

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