



DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Bob Patterson, Member
Randy Fox, Secretary

MINUTES

September 17, 2021

DeKalb County Airport Authority Scheduled Meeting: The DeKalb County Airport Authority met for the regular monthly meeting which began at 1:00 pm. In attendance at the meeting were; Myers, Korchyk, Fox, Patterson, Chalmers, Couchman, Hoit, Airport Attorney Tribbett and John Feister from BF&S, and Lara and Tony Gaerte from Century Aviation. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Myers presented the agenda for the September 17, 2021 Board Meeting for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Myers presented the August 20, 2021 meeting minutes for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims: Myers presented the September 2021 claims docket for approval. Patterson made a motion to approve the claims with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

FBO Brief: Lara Gaerte stated that for August compared to last year, student and renter hours were down, maintenance hours were up, fuel is up from last year, car rentals are up.

Airport Manager: Couchman presented the Oral History of the Aviation in Dekalb County video project. This video will ultimately be placed on our website.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Feister asked for Board approval to submit AIP 29 Pay Request 11 to the FAA for \$322,131.16. Korchyk made a motion to approve AIP Pay Request 11, with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

Feister then asked the Board for approval to submit AIP 31, Pay Request 1 and Final to the FAA in the amount of \$166,666.00. Fox made a motion to submit AIP 31 Pay Request 1 and final Pay Request, with a second from Patterson. The motion passed unanimously.

He stated that he continues to work with FAA engineering on the NAVAID move and he has a conference call scheduled for next week.

AT&T will be relocating their lines yet this year along CR 62. They will not commence work until all the punch list items are complete on the road and the contractor is completely offsite.

He informed the Board that the issues with the concrete patching have been addressed on the main ramp.

He mentioned that the AI Conference will be held in person this October 12-14 at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Finally he mentioned that Neal Bennett from BF&S took a look at the aerial photos and the wildlife mitigation plan that Speedway is bound to and Neal stated that he is uncomfortable with making any recommendations without visiting the site, but on initial blush, it didn't look like speedway was doing what they are required to do.

Attorney Brief: Tribbett picked up where Feister left off on the Speedway Mitigation issue and read an email from Neal Bennett. Tribbett read an email from Neal as follows, "Based on the aerial photography and my knowledge of the situation, it does not appear that they are meeting the stipulations of the mitigation plan. Without verification by conducting a site visit I cannot be absolutely sure but it does appear from these photos that the grass heights are not being kept at the optimal lengths and there are no tree plantings as was detailed in the mitigation plan. Further, it appears that aquatic vegetation is being allowed to grow and there are several areas that allow easy access for geese to land then walk up onto land, as they prefer to do. The plan was supposed to discourage that behavior by keeping grass heights at 6-10 inches along the shorelines and to plant trees to disrupt flight paths". Tribbett went on to say that he believes that the Zoning Administrator for DeKalb County along with Neal Bennett should probably visit the site. After some discussion, it was decided to wait just a bit pending the outcome of another issue we are addressing with the County.

Tribbett then briefed the Board that his plan to follow the statutory roadmap for transferring the new CR 62 to the County is not the process that Jim McCanna wants to use. McCanna stated that he would rather use the same process that they have in the past, which includes a 3-year performance bond from the Airport Authority. This is how they would treat a subdivision. After some discussion with regard to the cost of the performance bond, and the fact that the Airport Authority is not going anywhere, along with the fact that we already have a year warranty on the extremely well built road, the Board directed Couchman to find out what a bond would cost and how previous roads and bridges were conveyed to the County by other governmental agencies, if possible, and then directed Tribbett to follow-up with McCanna when he returns from vacation.

Board Member Briefs: Fox stated that he briefed the Council and Commissioners earlier in the month and presented the promotional video we produced.

Upcoming Events: None.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

**Next meeting October 15, 2021
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM
DeKalb County Airport
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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