



DeKalb County Airport Authority

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John Kruse, Member
Randy Fox, Secretary

MINUTES

February 21, 2025

DeKalb County Airport Authority Scheduled Meeting: The DeKalb County Airport Authority met for the regular monthly meeting which began at 1:10 pm. In attendance at the meeting were; Myers, Chalmers, Korchyk, Fox, Kruse, Couchman, Hoit, Airport Attorney Tribbett (virtually), Tinisha Weigelt from BF&S, and Scotty Hepler from Sweet Aviation. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Myers presented the February 21, 2025 Agenda for approval with one change. Due to schedule conflicts the Board will be changing the March meeting from the 21st of March to March 14th. Korchyk made a motion to approve the agenda with the change, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Myers presented the January 17, 2025 meeting minutes for approval. Chalmers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims: Myers presented the February 2025 claims docket for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the claims, with a second from Kruse. The motion passed unanimously.

FBO Brief: Hepler stated for the month of January they have sold 13,057 gallons of Jet-A, (CAA 1,504 gal) and 2,057.38 gallons of AvGas. There were 4 aircraft rentals, 20 training sessions, and 2 simulator sessions. There were 10 maintenance jobs last month.

Manager Brief: Couchman briefed the Board on ice control research to date. He stated that vendors are very busy and it took over a week to get a response, and he was told it would be two weeks or more to get a quote. He is seeking a quote for 2 skid mounted totes of liquid deicer (530 gallons total) and 4 super sacks of solid deicer (4 metric tons, or 8,818 pounds). The goal

would be to preemptively apply the liquid up to 24 hours ahead of an ice event to keep the ice from adhering to the pavement and then apply the solid deicer once the event is over to melt whatever ice was deposited. The amount stated would be enough for 4 very light icing events or two fairly heavy events/applications. The estimated cost for the materials is around \$30,000.00, but we are still waiting on quotes. This material has an unlimited shelf life so we could get it and keep it for when it is needed. If we plan on using these products on a regular basis, we will need to figure out a good way to load the solids into our spreader efficiently and we will need a sprayer that can hold more than what we currently have, so there is some additional cost for equipment. Our calculations are just for the runway/taxiway and do not include the ramps, which also seem to be a problem for some, although we still have sand as an option if that is an acceptable solution. Also, we are currently operating under a “no exposure” exemption for our industrial storm water run-off permit and if we go down this route we will need to change that and start paying fees and testing rain water again thereby adding another cost and added work. This is an issue that happens less than a handful of times per year, if that, but it might not be a bad idea to have these products on-hand for emergency use. Couchman will report back when he has more information. Kruse stated, and the Board agreed, that this is the ultimate direction we want to go when the number of based jets support it.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Weigelt asked for Board Action to submit FY2025 NPE Intent letter to the FAA. Chalmers made a motion to approve submitting FY2025 NPE Intent letter to the FAA, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

She then asked for Board Action approve Amendment 1 to Work Order 2 in the net increase amount of \$50,200. Korchyk made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to Work Order 2 in the net increase amount of \$50,200, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Brief: Tribbett stated that staff should probably get going on the loan contract paperwork from a legal perspective. Couchman promised to do so and will back with him.

Board Member Briefs: Fox mentioned that the Council asked for operations numbers for other airports. Couchman stated that INDOT Aeronautics has stopped supplying that data since some airports are now paying for and using ADS-B data to count operations and some are still doing nothing to count operations. Staff will collect operations from those willing to share.

Kruse briefed the Board on the I69 exit discussions that have been ongoing with INDOT and legislators. He asked if the Board would be willing to participate in a feasibility study if Auburn and Garrett would do the same. Most likely the cost would be approximately \$50k each. After some discussions the Board indicated that they would be willing to explore the thought if others were also willing.

The small group looking at the marketing proposals wanted to meet one more time so Couchman will schedule the virtual meeting with Chalmers, Kruse, Hoit and himself on Wednesday the 26th at 10:00 am.

Upcoming Events: None

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

**Next meeting February 14, 2025
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM
DeKalb County Airport
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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