



# DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Jerry Korchyk, Vice President

John Chalmers, Member  
Don Tribbett, Attorney

John Kruse, Member  
Randy Fox, Secretary

## MINUTES

July 21, 2025

**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, Chalmers, Kruse Couchman, Airport Attorney Tribbett, Tinisha Weigelt from BF&S, Scotty Hepler from Sweet Aviation, with Assistant Manager Hoit attending virtually along with Justin Sheehan from Crown Jewel. Also in attendance was community member Lara Gaerte. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Myers presented the July 21, 2025 Agenda for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Myers presented the June 20, 2025 meeting minutes for approval. Chalmers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**FBO Brief:** Hepler stated for the month of June they have sold 13,746 gallons of Jet-A, (CAA 1,176 gal) and 2,901.52 gallons of AvGas. There were 9 aircraft rentals, 36 training sessions, and 3 simulator sessions, 1 check ride, and 5 discovery flights. There were 24 maintenance jobs last month.

**Consultant/Engineer Report:** Weigelt asked for Board Action to submit AIP37 PR4 for FAA reimbursement: \$25,530.67 total, \$22,978 90% Federal, \$1,276.53 State and Local. Chalmers

made a motion to approve submitting AIP37 PR4 for FAA reimbursement with a second from Kruse. The motion passed unanimously.

She asked for Board action to submit AIP38 PR3 for FAA reimbursement: \$797,224.72 total, \$717,503 90% Federal, \$39,861 State and Local. Chalmers made a motion to approve submitting AIP38 PR3 for FAA reimbursement with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

Weigelt briefed the Board on current projects.

**Marketing:** The Board discussed the updated logo designs from Crown Jewel and decided to go with the original option 1, what they are calling the flying A. Kruse made a motion to go with the original Option 1, Flying A with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

**Manager Brief:** Couchman presented 2026 Budget information to the Board including the levy comparison from form 3 for the General Fund showing a very negligible .05 decrease and no Change for the Airport Cumulative Building Fund, and Form 1 for each of the three Funds. The General Fund will have a 4% increase in appropriations over 2025, the Airport Cumulative Building Fund will have no change, and the Rainy Day Fund will have a 57.64 decrease in appropriations. After some discussion, Kruse made a motion to approve the budget and levy for 2026 with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously.

Couchman asked the Board to transfer \$30,000 from General Fund Line Item 101001490.00 Gen-Infrastructure where we currently have \$71,928.74, and move it to, 101001232.000 Gen-Repair and Maintenance where we are currently sitting at -\$21,528.89. This is to cover the large purchase of ice control product that we purchased earlier in the year. Chalmers made a motion to approve the transfer with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

**Attorney Brief:** Tribbett briefed the Board on the rollback of certain mandates found in FAA contractual language and in FAA Grant Assurances. In short, many of the policies related to non-discrimination, equal opportunity, climate change, and others aimed at equity, will no longer be enforced due to the policies of the current federal administration.

**Board Member Briefs:** Kruse briefed the Board on his efforts on the new I69 exit within the County. He believes he has made progress and would like to reach out to consulting firms to get budget numbers to do a feasibility study. With these numbers in hand he can then better gauge interest from surrounding communities in participating monetarily. The Board concurred.

Kruse then briefed the Board on the current standing of fire protection in Jackson Township. In short, Jackson Township is in a better position with fire department staff now and there doesn't seem to be a need to sign an agreement with Auburn. He believes the issue will simmer down.

**Upcoming Events:** None.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

**Next meeting August, 15 2025  
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM  
DeKalb County Airport  
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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