



Auburn-DeKalb Executive Airport

DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Jess Myers, President
Jerry Korchyk, Vice President

John Chalmers, Member
Don Tribbett, Attorney

John Kruse, Member
Randy Fox, Secretary

MINUTES

January 16, 2026

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, Airport Attorney Tribbett, Andrew Maksymovitch from BF&S, Scotty Hepler from Sweet Aviation, community member Lara Gaerte, Airport Manager Couchman, and Assistant Manager Hoit. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Myers presented the January 16, 2026 Agenda for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the agenda with the change, with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Tribbett took over the meeting and opened the floor up to nominations for President. Chalmers nominated the previous years (2025) Officers to service in the same positions for 2026. This would include Myers – President, Korchyk – Vice President, Fox – Secretary, and Couchman – Treasurer. Korchyk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Myers presented the December 19, 2025 meeting minutes for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims: Myers presented the January 2026 claims for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the claims, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

FBO Brief: Hepler reported for the month of December they have sold 13,370 gallons of Jet-A, and 1,955.53 gallons of AvGas. There were 17 aircraft rentals, 21 training sessions, and 9 simulator sessions, and 3 check rides. There were 36 maintenance jobs last month.

Manager’s Brief: Couchman asked the Board to move \$24,288.27 from Grant Fund AIP34 to Grant Fund AIP35. This is due to an error on AIP35, Pay Request 5. Chalmers made a motion to move \$24,288.27 from Grant Fund AIP34 to Grant Fund AIP35, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

He then asked the Board to move \$16,277.82 from Rainy Day Unappropriated to Grant Fund AIP35, and to move \$18,946.40 from Rainy Day Unappropriated to Grant Fund AIP37. Korchyk made a motion to approve transferring \$16,277.82 from Rainy Day Unappropriated to Grant Fund AIP35, and to transfer \$18,946.40 from Rainy Day Unappropriated to Grant Fund AIP37, with a second by Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Maksymovitch asked for Board Action to submit AIP38 PR10 for FAA reimbursement in the amount of \$90,000.00 with \$81,000.00 90% federal, \$4,500.00 state, and \$4,500.00 local. Korchyk made a motion to approve submitting AIP38 PR10, with a second from Chalmers. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Brief: Tribbett briefed the Board that there is a bill introduced during this year’s session of the Indiana Legislature that would allow the appointing body of Airport Authority Board Members to also remove those appointed members of the Airport Authority, rather than going through the current impeachment procedure. He will keep us briefed.

Board Member Briefs: Fox noted that operations were slightly down for 2025 from 2024.

Upcoming Events: None.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

**Next meeting February 20, 2026
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM
DeKalb County Airport
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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John Chalmers – Member

John Kruse – Member

Randy Fox – Secretary