



Auburn-DeKalb Executive Airport

DeKalb County Airport Authority

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Don Tribbett, Attorney

John Kruse, Member
Randy Fox, Secretary

MINUTES

March 20, 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; Korchyk, Fox, Kruse, Airport Attorney Tribbett, John Feister from BF&S, Scotty Hepler from Sweet Aviation, Airport Manager Couchman, and Assistant Manager Hoit. Korchyk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Korchyk presented the March 20, 2026 Agenda for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with the change, with a second from Kruse. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Korchyk presented the February 2026 meeting minutes for approval. Kruse made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

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

FBO Brief: Hepler reported for the month of February they have sold 15,350 gallons of Jet-A, and 2,096.86 gallons of AvGas. There were 8 aircraft rentals, 39 training sessions, and 18 simulator sessions, 1 Discovery Flight, and 1 check ride. There were 15 maintenance jobs last month.

Manager's Brief: Couchman asked the Board amend the motion from February by striking the directive to move \$9,819.42 from Rainy Day to Grant Fund AIP36. This amount was in error. Instead, he asked for a motion to move \$317,024.96 from appropriated Rainy Day Fund Infrastructure 245001490 to AIP36. This amount represents our local share of the grant and will zero it out. He also asked for a motion to pay AIP36 \$2,743.08 from the General Fund Consultant/Engineering Fee's 101001312 which represents BF&S claim #14956 for construction

supervision on the NAVAID's Relocation Project paid prior to the fund creation. Kruse made a motion to rescind last months motion to move \$9,819.42 from Rainy Day to Grant Fund AIP36, to move \$317,024.96 from appropriated Rainy Day Fund Infrastructure 245001490 to AIP36, and to pay AIP36 \$2,743.08 from the General Fund Consultant/Engineering Fee's 101001312. Fox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

He then explained that the Civil Air Patrol is currently located in the soon to be demolished B-row and they are receiving rent at no charge. He asked how the Board would like to handle their lease when/if they move to the new hangars. After some discussion, Scotty Hepler agreed to discuss the new rates locally and get back to the Board.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Feister briefed the Board on current projects but had no action items this month.

Attorney Brief: Tribbett briefed the Board on 2026-R1, a resolution approving a loan contract to borrow funds to construct hangars. He then asked the Board for a motion to approve the Resolution. Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-R1, with a second from Kruse. The motion passe unanimously.

Board Member Briefs: Kruse stated that he is working with Couchman exploring corporate hangar construction. Fox stated that there was a very positive article on the new equipment purchases in the Star newspaper.

Upcoming Events: None.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

**Next meeting April 17, 2026
Public Meeting at 1:00 PM
DeKalb County Airport
Glenn Rieke Terminal Building**

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