



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

June 19, 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, Kruse, Chalmers (late arrival, early departure, with technical connectivity issues), John Feister from BF&S, Scotty Hepler from Sweet Aviation, Airport Manager Couchman, and Assistant Manager Hoit. Myers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Myers presented the June 19, 2026 Agenda for approval. Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with the change, with a second from Korchyk. The motion passed unanimously. No rollcall vote as Chalmers had not joined the meeting at this point.

Minutes: Myers presented the May 2026 meeting minutes for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously. No rollcall vote as Chalmers had not joined the meeting at this point.

Claims: Myers presented the June 2026 claims for approval. Korchyk made a motion to approve the claims, with a second from Fox. The motion passed unanimously. No rollcall vote as Chalmers had not joined the meeting at this point.

FBO Brief: Hepler reported for the month of May they have sold 12,202 gallons of Jet-A, and 3,062.84 gallons of AvGas. There were 11 aircraft rentals, 57 training sessions, and 10 simulator sessions, and 1 Discovery Flight. There were 21 maintenance jobs last month.

Manager's Brief: Couchman presented the proposed 2027 budget for the General Fund, the Airport Cumulative Building Fund and the Rainy Day Fund for approval. He noted that the Airport Cumulative Building Fund is unchanged from last year, the Rainy Day Fund is reduced slightly by \$3,500.00 and the General Fund is increasing this year by \$45,405.00. The increases

were in salaries, insurance, utilities, and accounting software. The Airport Authority is \$309,000.00 below its maximum levy for 2026 so this increase will not even get us close to our max levy and considering this year's Levy Growth Quotient. On a rollcall vote, Myers, Aye, Chalmers Aye, Korchyk Aye, Fox Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Consultant/Engineer Report: Feister asked for Board action to submit FAA AIP grant application for Reconstruct Runway 9-27 (5,000' of 7,105') AIP 3-18-004-041 in the amount of \$5,198,220 total, \$4,938,309.00 95% Federal, and \$129,956 2.5% State and Local. On a rollcall vote, Myers, Aye, Chalmers Aye, Korchyk Aye, Fox Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

He briefed the Board that last years project is still moving towards completion and the T-hangar project is still slated to begin in the coming weeks.

Attorney Brief: None.

Board Member Briefs: Kruse presented an agreement from American Structurepoint, Inc. to do preliminary feasibility study of a new I69 exit. After some discussion, Korchyk made a motion to approve the contract once legal approves it, with a second from Fox. The motion carried unanimously. There was no rollcall vote on this as Chalmers had left the meeting already.

Upcoming Events: None.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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

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