

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Airport Authority was called to order by Chair Vala at 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in the Conference Room at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport's main terminal building.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair  
Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner  
Teresa Haley, Commissioner (arrived 5:04 p.m.)  
Dianne Hardwick, Vice Chair  
Mike Houston, Commissioner  
Susan Shea, Commissioner (arrived 5:03 p.m. via telephone)  
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer (via telephone)  
R. Beverly Peters, Secretary (arrived 5:10 p.m.)  
Joe Craven, Attorney  
Mark Hanna, Executive Director  
Ken Boyle, Deputy Executive Director

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: None

Chair Vala presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2023, and to dispose all Regular Meeting Recordings more than six months old. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Kinnaman reported unrestricted funds projected year-end balance of \$7,897,690 and actual year-to-date balance of \$8,923,614, restricted funds projected year-end balance of \$10,753,888 and actual year-to-date balance of \$11,246,776.

Commissioner Delheimer gave the Budget and Finance report.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Vice Chair Hardwick reported a 30.53% decrease in year-to-date passenger activity as compared to last year.

Vice Chair Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of December were 95,315 gallons with revenue of \$11,288. The month of December saw gallon decreases in Retail Jet-A sales as well as

Avgas sales. However, with the addition of Breeze Airways starting service in December, total airline gallons were up some 23,000 gallons.

Commissioner Shea reported that she flew on Breeze Airways. Also, Miss Teen Illinois flew out of SPI on Breeze to the Miss Teen USA Pageant. She reported that they plan on using the flight to Orlando going forward.

Attorney Craven reported that the Open Meetings Act Policy should be ready for the annual review at next month's meeting. He also had a conversation with the City concerning the Aviation Fuel Tax issue and hopes to have favorable news in the near future.

Executive Director Hanna reported on the status for the observation tower; the budget for FY 2025 is being worked on by staff; conversations with United Airlines about considering the reinstatement of SPI service; justification report for the rehab of Runway 13/31 has been submitted to the FAA; bids being sought for Rebuild Illinois grant for sections of North Airport Road and the StandardAero Parking Lot; discussed various airline issues in central Illinois; discussed the Federal subsidized airline services in Decatur and potential effects on SPI service. Situation is that an airline with an affiliation with American Airlines may be awarded the Decatur-Chicago route, Springfield schedule to Chicago is not optimal for our passenger base and the American affiliate has had a dismal performance record thus eroding customer confidence in our services. There are many things happening with American Airlines and it is difficult to market their service under the current conditions.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Frank J. Vala, Chair

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R. Beverly Peters, Secretary