

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Airport Authority was called to order by Chair Vala at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, in the Conference Room at the Authority's offices at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair
Rod Egizii, Commissioner
Eric Hansen, Commissioner
Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner
Mike Houston, Commissioner
R. Beverly Peters, Secretary
Jim Lestikow, Attorney
Mark Hanna, Executive Director
Mike Olinger, Director of Admin & Finance & Assistant Secretary
Roger Blickensderfer, Director of Facilities & Maintenance
Tim Franke, Director of Operations & Public Safety

ABSENT: Herman Bodewes, Vice Chair
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer

VISITORS: Gene Beenenga

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of last month's meeting. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2015, and dispose of the recorded tape, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 3 ayes/0 nays/2 present (Egizii, Hansen).

In the absence of Treasurer Kinnaman, Director of Admin & Finance Mike Olinger gave the Treasurer's Report and the Comptroller's Report. Commissioner Houston gave the Finance Chair Report.

The Authority's Annual Financial Report was discussed by the Authority's auditors at last month's Finance and Board meetings and has now been put in final form. Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the FY 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Houston indicated that it is the Finance Committee's intention to continue with R.W. Troxell as the Authority's agent for insurance coverage for another year with the stipulation they provide at least three quotes for each of the Authority's lines of coverage.

Executive Director Hanna gave a brief report on recurrent training including fire-fighting, recertification of our program for in-house training, active shooter training, influenza plan review and aircraft diversion plans.

Chair Vala gave the monthly status report on construction projects currently in progress.

Commissioner Hardwick reported that enplanements were up 20.1% when comparing November to the same month last year, and up 6.0% for the calendar year-to-date compared to the same eleven months last year.

Mr. Hanna briefed the Board on a meeting the Authority hosted with the head of the aviation department at SIU-Carbondale, a retired IDOT chief engineer, Lincoln Land Community College staff members, flight instructors and airport staff to discuss the pilot shortage nationwide and things that can be done to encourage and increase pilot training in Springfield.

Attorney Lestikow discussed with the Board the third recent petition regarding lands that were disconnected from the Authority's taxing district decades ago and now meet the conditions for reconnection. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the petition to be filed in Circuit Court listing the 322 parcels provided by the Sangamon

County Assessor's Office for reconnection to the Springfield Airport Authority taxing district and authorize the Board chair to sign, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Topics discussed by Executive Director Hanna included: 1) A promotion with WTAX and their 12 Days of Christmas giveaway; 2) Working with the Convention & Visitors Bureau to bring an aviation trade association conference here in 2018, 3) Attempting to encourage local governments and companies to add wording in their travel policies to support flying from Springfield by comparing the cost of flying versus driving; and 4) Agreed to attend two to three meetings the Springfield Park District will be having as part of their long-range planning process, especially since the Authority leases land to the Park District for Kennedy and Stuart parks.

There was a brief discussion regarding drones and the use of lasers and whether there have been any close calls or related concerns at the airport. Mr. Hanna discussed the use and registering of drones and indicated that there have been no significant incidents involving drones brought to our attention thus far.

Visitor Gene Beenenga indicated he appreciated the opportunity to represent the aviation industry and spoke briefly about the Wall of Fame by Subway and the possibility of flight simulators for schools to encourage aviation education.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary