

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WHITESIDE COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

A Special Meeting of the Whiteside County Airport Board was held on May 24, 2023, in the Terminal Building at the Whiteside County Airport, Rock Falls, Illinois at 4:08 p.m.

Present were board members: President Monte Van Kooten, Nick Dirks and Chris King at 4:10 p.m. Ben Adolph and Mike Zolli attended via zoom. Also present was Travis Straight from CMT.

Public Comment. None.

New Business.

CMT. Van Kooten said Travis Straight from CMT was in attendance to give an update on the OSF hangar and federal funding. Straight said CMT is the engineer for the airport and they go in five (5) year terms and the projects are submitted at that time. Since they were contracted in 2020, the OSF hangar was not part of the project for them to receive federal funding. Heffelfinger resubmitted the paperwork to engage CMT for an additional five (5) years and included the OSF hangar plan in this. Straight said the state does have a letting process and the project needs to be submitted then the bidding is put out there. King questioned if the project was only for the parking lot/black top area and Straight said it was. The building itself was already bit and approved. Straight said there are ways to speed the process up but that would be the Board paying the costs up front and submitted after the project for reimbursement and this needs the state approval to do so. Straight recommended doing an air study and building evaluation which includes a survey crew and may cost approximately \$15,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Dirks and seconded by Zolli to contract with CMT to complete the aerospace study and survey work for OSF hangar project which includes a building evaluation. All members were in favor.

7/25 Project. Van Kooten said there is an issue with the 7/25 project. Straight said they were about 80% through their design and the FAA reviewed the project and feel the existing runway is oversized for the planes that travel through the airport. Since they feel it is likely oversized, they said the airport is not authorized for payment to resurface the runway. Straight said CMT is evaluating the projected and they estimate is approximately \$18 million to reconstruct the runway instead of resurfacing the existing runway for the next 50 years. Straight said he will set up a meeting with the Board, FAA and state to cover over the data they found and see where it stands.

Unfinished Business.

Full Throttle. Dirks said in his last discussion with AJ from the team, they need 8-10 rooms and they will charge the participants \$25-\$30 to attend and looking at 25-30 people. Most of that fee would come to the airport after some costs. It was discussed about booking rooms and there are a lot of weddings that weekend. Dirks and Heffelfinger will contact hotels to get rooms reserved under a block.

Property Tax Bills. Heffelfinger said he received the tax bills and they are due after the next regular meeting. A motion was made by Van Kooten, seconded by Adolph to authorize Damhoff to pay the full 2023 property taxes.

501(c)(3) Insurance. Van Kooten asked if the members were okay with having Marks pay the insurance bill with funds in the account for the 501(c)(3). All members were in favor.

Once Ton Hoist. Heffelfinger said he talked to the guy Blunier recommended about the hoist and he is concerned about the height. It was discussed to have Blunier get with him to discuss height and beams. Van Kooten reached Blunier by phone and told him the issue. Blunier will stop by other airport to get a picture of the setup of the hoist at the other OSF hangar.

There being no further or other business to come before the board, on motion duly made by Zolli, seconded by Dirks and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary