

Rock County, Wisconsin



Airport Board Meeting Monday, June 19, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Terminal Conference Room 1716 W. Airport Rd. Janesville, WI 53546

Call to Order: Supervisor Richard called the meeting of the Airport Board to order at 8:00 a.m.

Airport Board Members Present: Mr. Eric Baker, Mr. Greg Johnson, Mr. Joe Quint, Mrs. Christine Rebout, Supervisor Rick Richard and Supervisor Connie Winter

Airport Board Members Absent: Mr. Frank McKearn and Mrs. Katie Reese

Staff Members Present: Greg Cullen, Airport Director
Larissa DeLair, Secretary II
Kevin Smith, Airport Superintendent

Other Members Present:

Mike Fraser	Meisner
Jim Freeman	HSI
Dave Haas	Meisner
Rick Leyes	T-Hangar Tenant
Alex Smith	Citizen

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Cullen requested to strike 7E City of Janesville Agreement for Installation of Public Utilities. The agreement wasn't ready for this meeting but will be brought before the board at a future meeting. Mr. Quint and Mr. Baker moved the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of Monday, May 15, 2023: Supervisor Winter and Mr. Baker moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, and Information: Bessie's Diner had a successful pancake breakfast fly-in over the weekend with approximately 1400 people in attendance.

Mr. Cullen informed that Supervisor Brent Fox resigned his position as a County Board Supervisor at the end of May. The County Board Chair is currently seeking candidates to fill that vacancy. A new Supervisor will then be added to this board and a new chair selected. Supervisor Richard thanked Supervisor Fox for his years of service on the Airport Board.

Mr. Cullen informed everyone that the information to establish an Ad Hoc Airport Planning Committee regarding T-Hangars was publicized and advertised. The period to apply as a committee member ended June 15th. Mr. Cullen was contacted from several people with interest in joining the committee.

Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: The review for May 2023 was completed.

Resolutions and Committee Endorsements: None

Updates, Discussion and Possible Action

Derelict Aircraft: Mr. Cullen informed of a derelict aircraft at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport south of the T-hangars. Mr. Cullen discussed the aircraft is disabled and has been sitting for years. The owner of the current disabled aircraft agreed to pay outside storage rent and had been paying as promised until February 2023. Attempts have been made to request payment, but no response has been received since March 21st. In 2020 and 2021, the airport was successful in removing two other similar type aircraft from airport property. Mr. Cullen recommends utilizing Rock County Corporation Counsel to remove the current aircraft from Airport Property at owner's expense.

East Hangar Development Project: Mr. Cullen informed the East Hangar Development Project involves building a connecting taxiway off taxiway delta and develop land to build future hangars. The goal is to have approximately 16 individual hangar sites available for land lease. Rock Road was the lowest bidder for the project. Mr. Cullen stated he had a meeting with state officials, and they are trying to be creative with funding to keep our local share as low as possible. Mr. Cullen explained possible BIL money being available and the state block grant entitlement money. The local share would be no more than 5% of the overall bid of \$2.5 million. The Airport has \$75,000 approved in the 23 budget for this project. The airport is trying to get the project started with a target start date of August 1st. The goal is to have the project awarded on July 12th.

First Responder Training: Mr. Cullen informed on Thursday, August 10th at 6:00 pm, FAA and the WI BOA chief pilot are holding a training event. The goal of the event is to invite local first responders to teach others how to respond to an aircraft emergency. There will be various aircraft outside for use for the training. Mr. Cullen thanked Jim Freeman and everyone at Meisner Aircraft for assisting in coordinating the training.

Economic Impact Study: Mr. Cullen stated he received a letter last week from the state. In 2018, the Bureau of Aeronautics completed an economic study impact study. This studied showed the airport has approximately \$64 million impact for the area. The Bureau of Aeronautics will be doing a new economic impact study and will take approximately twelve months to complete. The hired contractor will be contacting individual businesses at the airport for specific questions to their business.

Airport's 2024 Budget Presentation: Mr. Cullen informed the airport will present the 2024 Budget on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works Conference Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Committee Requests and Motions: None

Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Virtual capability will be offered for this and future meetings.

Adjournment: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Quint moved to adjourn at 8:25 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larissa DeLair
Secretary II

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