



Effingham County Board
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May 8, 2024 9:00 A.M.
Effingham County Airport Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: (Roll Call Taken) Tony Siemer, Phil Toops, Jeremy Deters, Ken Wohltman, Chris Keller
Absent:

Others Present: Jerry Tate, County Engineer-Greg Koester

Minutes

- J. Deters moved to approve April 3, 2024 minutes/K. Wohltman seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried.*

Review and Approve Bills

- K. Wohltman moved to approve April bills for a total of \$24,528.59/P. Toops seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried.*

Correspondence

- G. Koester shared county board approved full time position for assistance airport position and position has been accepted.

Old Business

- GA Entitlement for Reimbursement of Environmental Assessment – G. Koester reported status of FAA approval allowing 95% reimbursement of \$155,000 spent on environmental assessment which will help offset some costs for runway extension project and allow for pavement project to move forward.
- Airport Road Reconstruction – G. Koester shared contractor plans to start on Monday creating temporary access for truck traffic from local businesses and anticipates to close airport road on May 20th. J. Tate reported McCarthy has raised concerns on moving in equipment with road closure in place. J. Tate stated he will allow them to come in past T-Hangars along with same planned route for fuel truck.
- Road Relocation of 1425th Street – G. Koester reported due to utilities location, realignment of road relocation was necessary. G. Koester reported in a conference call with the FAA, verbal approval of changes for realignment of roadway were given by the FAA. G. Koester shared hopes of completion to take one month from start to finish.
- New T-Hangar – K. Wohltman reported meeting with Hanson to discuss the new T-Hangar drawings. K. Wohltman expressed concerns of receiving a complete set of plans and specifications and also discuss further the structure of the bids. K. Wohltman shared timeline provided by Hanson for project key dates. K. Wohltman suggested access pavement, sitework, and entrance gate to be funded locally. G. Koester suggested verification of what funding can be kept local and what will need to be through the grant. K. Wohltman shared Hanson anticipates advertisement for bids around August 2024.

New Business

- Runway Extension Project, Execution of All Documents Necessary to Proceed – G. Koester shared documents received for award to be completed and submitted.

General Information

- Hangar and Fuel Flow Report – J. Tate shared report of hangar rent \$4,350.00 for April. One tenant sold their airplane. Space has been filled with a new tenant. Report showed Jet-A 4219.4 gallons sold; Avgas 952.3 gallons sold with a total fuel volume sold being 5171.7 gallons.
- Requests for Grants and Other Funding Opportunities – G. Koester shared information regarding grant for green initiative project and inquiry with Hanson for any future possible opportunities. Hanson confirmed they do grant writing if future opportunities come available.
- K. Wohltman reported the braking mechanism and the batteries in the lift are questionable and the height capacity for the lift is limited. K. Wohltman stated he had reached out to Bahrns Equipment and received an estimate on a used lift for \$8500.00 which seems affordable considering a new unit runs \$20,000.00. T. Siemer recommended it be added to the agenda for next month for approval of purchase.

Adjourn/Next Meeting

- P. Toops motioned/C. Keller seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Minutes submitted by Angie Thompson, Administrative Aide to Airport Commission