



Effingham County Board  
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October 1, 2025 9:00 A.M.  
**Effingham County Airport Commission Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: (Roll Call Taken) Tony Siemer, Phil Toops, Josh Douthit, Tim Ellis, Ken Wohltman

Absent:

Others Present: Jerry Tate, Hank Stephens (City), G. Koester (City)

**Minutes**

- T. Ellis moved to approve September 3, 2025 minutes/P. Toops seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried*.

**Review and Approve Bills**

- J. Tate stated fuel total included in bills is an estimate because invoice hasn't been received. J. Tate shared invoicing included for fill dirt for T-Hangar and landscaping around terminal. P. Toops moved to approve September bills in the amount of \$110,306.35/J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried*.

**Correspondence**

**Old Business -**

- Tree Removal – Seeded Disturbed Areas. J. Tate reported tree removal is mostly complete along with seeding the area and fertilizer which had been included in bills for approval. J. Tate stated there are some remaining trees mentioned in IDOT inspection on south end in some neighboring yards and along fence line and have been mentioned in all IDOT inspections. Discussion on resolution as trees are on private property including possibly obtaining a conclusive survey with a more accurate reading and report generated by Hanson. J. Douthit inquired on cost for survey. K. Wohltman recommended sending out RFP for survey. P. Toops suggested possibility of survey incorporated in current project funding.
- Pavement Maintenance – J. Tate reported working on estimate for repairs. J. Tate shared 500 ft needing immediate attention and length of remaining could be resealed. J. Tate shared concerns if not addressed, could end up with more damage that cannot be patched. K. Wohltman recommended ensuring funding is in general budget for continued maintenance.

**New Business**

- Project Updates
  - Runway Extension – K. Wohltman shared concerns with weather coming in and hopes for concrete pour in on Monday to avoid weather and construction can continue. J. Tate stated runway closure is extended to October 15<sup>th</sup> and may be pushed back to end of October especially with any weather issues. K. Wohltman suggested November 1<sup>st</sup> for runway opening.
  - Hangar – K. Wohltman shared pictures of progress. K. Wohltman reported footings poured and ready for rebar. K. Wohltman stated there are hopes asphalt runway to hangar will be completed by end of month, but he feels may be a stretch. K. Wohltman confirmed apron and runway is all asphalt work. Discussion on rock reclaiming and filling hole on west end.
- Virtual TIPS Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Discussion regarding topic for meeting being closure on filling hole on west end and concerns with FAA stating no more projects until corrected. J. Tate suggested Hanson probably has a game plan for extra dirt from current project and moving to fill hole on west end, but hasn't been shared at this time. J. Douthit to discuss with G. Koester (county) as priority project.

**General Information**

- Hangar and Fuel Flow Report – J. Tate stated no report at this time however estimated 1688 gallons AvGas and 472 gallons Jet Fuel due to runway closure. Hangar rent is same as last month. Discussion on Ag operator from last meeting. J. Tate

shared renting space will be unavailable and will need to turn away at this time until space is built up and will need to revisit in the future. T. Siemer recommended no land lease for hangar building by individuals unless they can prove significant business within the county of Effingham.. Discussion on fuel purchase requirements at airport. T. Siemer suggested looking into need in the community for an Ag operator and how it could benefit local farmers. J. Douthit recommended continued due diligence in investigating the benefit of such an organization for the community before delivering a permanent decision.

- Brush Removal along large drainage ditch – J. Tate reported reseeding areas that have been cleared and in good shape on tree and brush removal. K. Wohltman reported new drainage ditch has been cut and replaced and will empty into that ditch, so will need to watch for erosion. K. Wohltmans reported new machinery was used and worked nicely.
- G. Koester (City) – Comprehensive Plan – G. Koester shared City is reviewing draft in meetings throughout October. G. Koester stated final draft will incorporate map of airport with green ring approach areas and will fine tune with zoning restrictions. G. Koester stated once final draft is completed, will send to G. Koester (county) to be shared with Commission.

#### **Adjourn/Next Meeting**

- T. Ellis motioned/J. Douthit seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Minutes submitted by Angie Thompson, Administrative Aide to Airport Commission