



Effingham County Board
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July 9, 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), Greg Koester (City)

Minutes

- P. Toops moved to approve June 4, 2025 minutes/J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried.*

Review and Approve Bills

- J. Tate stated bills include replacing batteries for the golf cart. P. Toops moved to approve June bills in the amount of \$40,932.30/ T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried.*

Correspondence

Old Business - G. Koester stated highway department removed old existing township road and milled materials.

New Business

- Construction Engineering Agreement with Hanson Professional Services – G. Koester shared agreement with Hanson for partial federal funding reimbursement. J. Douthit moved to approve agreement. K. Wohltman seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*
- Project Updates
 - Runway Extension – J. Tate reported notice to proceed has been completed and McCarthy is preparing to move dirt and disking areas for haul route. J. Tate stated runway will be closed on July 21st with east west runway and primary runway closures during removal of 360 feet of existing runway before construction extension. J. Tate stated he anticipates an expected closure of 60 days, however once runway is replaced it will be opened with a limited distance of 4500 feet. J. Tate reported contractor hopes project is substantially completed by Thanksgiving.
 - Hangar – G. Koester stated Precise has new project manager and safety plan is now approved. G. Koester anticipated them to be on site next week. G. Koester stated highway department will cut fence and put in new entrance for access. G. Koester reported shop drawings are approved and should be ordered. K. Wohltman suggested revisiting with City on site plan to ensure all is approved with edits that had been included. J. Tate confirmed Full Fab is manufacturing hangar building.
- Tree Penetrations – G. Koester inquired on a logging outfit that would remove trees. K. Wohltman stated will have some dozer cleanup work that will be needed. G. Koester stated airport had previously

done some clearing as a combined effort of contractor and highway department, so he is hoping for a combined effort again to save money. G. Koester recommended project to be done this fall.

General Information

- G. Koester shared he will be starting on budget and present to Commission for review.
- J. Tate stated he had received an electrical report from Hanson and has concerns with report. J. Tate shared he has been discussing with an electrical engineer and plans to review with committee at the August meeting.
- G. Koester (City) shared airport section of city comprehensive plan. G. Koester (County) to send updated exhibit with additional details to be included in plan. G. Koester (county) approved height restrictions included in comprehensive plan. G. Koester (City) asked Commission to review and discuss at next meeting. G. Koester (City) confirmed comprehensive plan to be adopted by end of year.
- Hangar and Fuel Flow Report – J. Tate provided report of hangar rent showing \$4220.00 for June. J. Tate shared one T-Hangar currently empty, however have a tenant secured. J. Tate shared a discrepancy in last month's fuel flow report providing an updated report. Fuel flow report showed Jet-A and Avgas fuel flow of 10852.6 gallons and 760.0 gallons, respectively.
- K. Wohltman shared receiving some inquiries on annexation of airport into City.

Adjourn/Next Meeting

- J. Douthit motioned/K. Wohltman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Minutes submitted by Angie Thompson, Administrative Aide to Airport Commission