



Effingham County Board
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August 6, 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, Greg Koester (City)

Minutes

- T. Ellis moved to approve July 9, 2025 minutes/P. Toops seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried.*

Review and Approve Bills

- T. Ellis moved to approve July bills in the amount of \$56,955.64. Total includes second pay estimate from Precise Construction for hangar in the amount of \$33,188.40/ P. Toops seconded. Unanimous, *Motion carried.*

Correspondence

Old Business -

- Airport Guidelines in City of Effingham's Comprehensive Plan – G. Koester (City) stated the City is on target to adopt its comprehensive plan by end of year with the first rough final draft currently being reviewed. At G. Koester's (county) request, Hanson provided airport data and an FAA tool to screen potential development for height restrictions. Additional information was also provided for city use.

New Business

- Project Updates
 - Runway Extension – G. Koester reported current state of construction is primarily moving of dirt. J. Tate stated east-west runway is currently closed for 60 days to facilitate concrete panel replacement on the east end. After this phase, primary runway will open at 4500 feet, which should accommodate the jets based here.
 - Hangar – G. Koester reported that site work started last week and moving along well.
 - Highway department constructed new entrance off Airport Road.
 - Additional topsoil was encountered and removed. The highway department transported clay from off-site. G. Koester stated he anticipates a bill of around \$3500 in dirt from Tebbe Excavating. Additional topsoil can be used where old runway will be removed.
 - Taxiway lights adjustment needed for new hangar connector is being performed by Stead Electric at an estimated \$5,000.00.
- Tree Removal Requirements –
 - G. Koester stated that the FAA determined minor penetrations will exist upon new extended runway, unless trees are removed. The potential penetrations are located to the east in a couple wooded, shallow ravines, approximately 3 acres in size. The highway department started removal last week and is approximately 30% completed, however this effort was paused to complete a road project and haul dirt to hangar site. Tree removal work will resume next week. All concerns will be removed by the end of the month. After completion, G. Koester stated after self-certification of obstruction removal, FAA can complete the Instrument Flight Procedure Development so project can stay on schedule.
 - G. Koester recommended the airport consider additional tree removal to avoid future concerns.
- 2026 Budget Planning –
 - G. Koester reported no updates at this time.

General Information

- Hangar and Fuel Flow Report – J. Tate provided report of hangar rent showing \$4370.00 for July with new tenant. Fuel flow report showed Jet-A and Avgas fuel flow of 5013.9 gallons and 1345.0 gallons, respectively.
- T. Siemer inquired on Hangar building. G. Koester reported Hangar shop plans have been approved. K. Wohltman stated plans showed building to arrive in October.
- J. Tate mentioned Hanson recommended a couple acres of crops to facilitate the runway project.

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