Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Region

Condensed Environmental Assessment

The Condensed Environmental Assessment (Condensed EA) is appropriate for Great Lakes Region airport projects when a project:

- Cannot be Categorically Excluded (CATEX),
- Does not have significant impacts, and
- A detailed Environmental Assessment (EA) is not needed.

Proper completion of this document will allow the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and/or State Block Grant States, to determine whether the Condensed EA is appropriate for the proposed project and to support a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Resource guidance used in preparation of this form comes from the FAA's Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" or subsequent revisions. This order incorporates the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as the US Department of Transportation's environmental regulations (including FAA Order 5050.4B or subsequent revisions), and other federal statutes and regulations. Accordingly, this form is intended to meet the Federal regulatory requirements of an EA.

This format is appropriate if the proposed project's involvement with, or impacts to, extraordinary circumstances are not notable in number or degree and do not rise to the level of a full EA.

Consult with an Environmental Specialist at the FAA to determine if this form is appropriate for your project.

To complete this form, the preparer should describe the proposed project and provide information on any potential impacts of the proposed project. It will be necessary for the preparer to have knowledge of the environmental features of the airport. Although some of this information may be obtained from the preparer's own observations, environmental studies or other research may be necessary. Complete consultation with applicable Federal, state, and local resource agencies responsible for protecting specially protected resources prior to submitting this form to the FAA.

This form is not meant to be a stand-alone document. Rather, it is intended to be used in conjunction with the applicable orders, laws, and guidance documents, and in consultation with the appropriate resource agencies.

An appendix that contains all the figures, correspondence, and completed studies (or executive summaries of completed studies) should accompany the completed Condensed EA when submitted to the FAA for final approval.

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Project Location:

Airpor	t Name:	Abraham Lincoln C	Capital Airpo	ort	Airport Identifier:	SPI	
Addre	ss:	1200 Capital Airpo	rt Drive				
City:	Springfield	k	County:	Sangamon		State:	IL

Airport Sponsor Information:

Point of Contact:	Mr. Mark Hanna	a, A.A.E.			
Address:	1200 Capital Air	port Dri	ve		
City: Springfield		State:	IL	Zip Code:	62707
Telephone Number:	217-788-1060				
Email:	mhanna@flyspi	.com			

Condensed EA Preparer Information:

Point of Contact:	Lana Sumner, AICP/Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc.					
Address:	2750 West Washington Street					
City: Springfield	State: IL Zip Code: 62702					
Telephone Number:	217-572-1082					
Email:	lsumner@cm	Isumner@cmtengr.com				

Identify all Attachments to this Condensed EA:

Include aerial photos, maps, plans, correspondence, and completed studies (or executive summaries)

Sponsor's Proposed Action

Wildlife Hazard Management at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport (applicable pages)

Cultural Resource Clearance

Wetland Delineation/Threatened & Endangered Species Agency Coordination

Natural Resource Review

Floodplain Map

Wetland Survey (applicable pages)

IDOT-BDE Wetland Impact Evaluation (WIE) Approval

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Part I - General Project Identification

PURPOSE AND NEED:

Describe the problem that the project will address and the goals of the project.

The purpose is to mitigate a wildlife hazard attractant. The need is to reduce the number of birds and wildlife on the airfield.

PROPOSED ACTION (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE):

Describe the preferred alternative in detail, including how the project fits into the airport layout plan.

The US Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services (USDA-WS) has removed 104 threats to aviation, relocated 44 raptors and dispersed an additional 2,034 threats from the airport between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017. Additionally, Airport Authority personnel reduce threats to aviation through dispersal methods. The five-year average of wildlife strikes at the Airport is 5.4 through 2016.

The USDA-WS has recommended removal of the wetland pond and vegetation since their formal wildlife hazard assessment performed between January 2009 and January 2010. See the attached applicable pages from their Wildlife Hazard Management at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield, IL, January 2016 -December 2016.

The Airport proposes to remove the wetland by filling. The project would also include grubbing, grading, drainage and landscaping/turfing. See the attached Sponsor's Proposed Action.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Describe alternatives considered, including the Do-Nothing Alternative

No Action (Do-Nothing) Alternative: The Airport would not remove the wetland. This alternative would not require any ground disturbance or any disturbance to the environment.

Other Alternatives: There are no other reasonable development alternatives to the proposed project that would satisfy the need.

Explain in detail the reason for eliminating each non-preferred alternative.

The No Action (Do-Nothing) Alternative does not address the need for the project.

AIRPORT DESCRIPTION:

Fill out the following information if the proposed project includes any changes to the existing airport design

	Existing		Proposed			
Runway:						
Length:		ft.		ft.		
Width:		ft.		ft.		
Pavement Strength:						
NAVAIDS:				Federally Owned: \	Y	Ν
Approach Minimums:						
Critical Aircraft (e.g. B-II):						
RPZ Area:						
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If the airport has multiple runways, this section should be filled out for each runway.

Remarks: No airport design changes are proposed; as such this section is not applicable.

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LAND ACQUISITION:

	Amount (acres)					
Land Use Types	Permanent	Easement				
Residential						
Commercial						
Agricultural						
Forest						
Wetlands						
Other:						
TOT	AL					

Remarks:	: No land is proposed to be acquired; as such this section is not applicable.	
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PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Discuss the proposed schedule for the project, including permits and construction.

The estimated project implementation would be 2020.

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT:

Succinctly describe existing environmental conditions of the potentially affected area.

The existing proposed project area consists of a pond, drainage ditch and scrub/shrub, on existing airport property.

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Part II - Environmental Consequences

Air Quality

Air Qualit	Y	Vaa	No
Is the project	et in an air quality nonattainment or maintenance area? the:	Yes	No X
,	sted on Presumed to Conform List		
	ccounted for in State Implementation Plan		
•	missions below applicable <i>de minimis</i> levels pject require an air quality analysis?		X
	oject require an air quality analysis for construction impacts?		X
_	ejoot roquiro air air quairty ariaryono for contentaction impactor.		
Remarks:	The proposed project is in an attainment area and would not incre	ase aircraf	t operations at the Airpor
Coastal A	<u>areas</u>		
L. H	Yes	No	
Is the project	ct located in a Coastal Barrier Resource System? ct located in a Coastal Zone Management Program? a consistency finding required?	X	
Remarks:	Sangamon County, Illinois is not adjacent to either the Atlantic or C Lakes and does not contain any designated coastal barriers. Illinois does not contain any designated coastal zone areas.	Gulf Coast	or any of the Great
Commotile	de Leurd Hee		
Compatit	ole Land Use		Yes No
Will propose	ed action comply with local/regional development patterns for the a	rea?	X
Is the propo	sed project located near or will it create a wildlife hazard as defined		Х
	Circular 150/5200-33, "Wildlife Hazards on or Near Airports"?	-	
	ation with USDA Wildlife Services occurred? Assessment required (needed)?	-	X X
is a wildille	Assessment required (needed):	L	
Remarks:	The proposed wetland removal would reduce wildlife attractants at	the Airpor	t.
Construc	tion Impacts		
Will constru	ction of the proposed project:	Yes	No
	ambient noise levels due to equipment operation	Х	
-	local air quality due to dust, equipment exhaust, or burning debris		
	ate water quality when erosion or pollutant runoff occur off-site and local traffic patterns	X	X
Distupt C	on-site and local traffic patterns		
Remarks:	1) Due to the short construction time, no significant increase in no		
	2) Due to the small construction site, short construction time and i	no expecte	d burning, no
	significant degradation in air quality would be expected. 3) Due to the small construction area, short construction time and	the eyner	ted use of silt fence
	no significant deterioration of water quality would be expected.	are expec	tod doo of oilt leffoe,
	4) The proposed project would be entirely on existing airport prop		
	surface transportation patterns would be necessary. Construction	vehicles w	ould likely use IL

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Route 29, Pulliam Road, Wilbur Road, Stearman Road and Irwin Lane, for access to the site. IL Route 29 typically handles semi-truck, agricultural, and box truck traffic. The other local roads typically handle agricultural traffic.

Cultural Resources

Cultural	Resources			
Results of F Eligible or Li Archaeolog History/Arc	isted Resources Present: gy	Yes	No X X	
i iistory/Art	intecture		_ ^	
Project Effe No Historic No Adverse	Properties Affected	Yes X	N/A X	SHPO/FAA Approval Dates May 24, 2018
Adverse Ef			X	
Completed	Documentation	Yes	N/A	SHPO/FAA Approval Dates
	operties Short Report	162	X	SHFO/FAA Approval Dates
	operty Report		X	
	gical Records Check/ Review		X	
	gical Phase I Survey Report		X	
-	gical Phase II Investigation Report		X	
	gical Phase III Data Recovery		X	
	pility and Effect Determination		X	
wemorand	um of Agreement		X	
Remarks:	The IDOT-Bureau of Design and E Properties Affected" and that "No fundertaking." See attached culture Area of Potential Effect (APE): I Coordination with Consulting Parchaeology: N/A Historic Properties: N/A Documentation, Findings: N/A Public Involvement: N/A	further cultu al resource N/A	ural resources co clearance from l	ordination is required for this
Does the pr	ent of Transportation Section roject area contain: owned Park/Recreation Areas	on 4(f) Yes	No X	
Historic Completed Individual S	and/or Waterfowl Refuges Properties d Documentation Section 4(f) Evaluation		X X	FAA Approval
	s" Impact used for the following circumstances: oric Properties: project includes No Adv	erse Effect F	inding with SHPO	/THPO concurrence

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 Parks, Recreation Areas, or Wildlife/Waterfowl Refuges: project will not adversely affect activities, features, and attributes of the property and the official with jurisdiction concurs with the finding

Refers to Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (now 49 USC § 303).	Discuss De minimis impacts below.
Individual Section 4(f) documentation must be separate Draft and Final documents.	

Remarks: Not applicable as the proposed project would occur on existing airport property.

Ecological Resour	rces
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Biotic Resources

Describe the various types of flora (plants), fauna (fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, etc), and habitat located in the project area. Indicate if the project will have any impact on these species or their habitat.

Remarks

The proposed project area includes a pond, drainage ditch, wetland vegetation and shrub/scrub and could include typical small rodents, snakes and insects. Any wildlife species would be anticipated to find similar habitat in adjoining areas on and around the Airport.

Threatened or Endangered Species

Is the project within the known range of any federal species?

Does the project area contain any critical habitat?

Is Section 7 formal consultation required for this action?

Are there any State threatened or endangered species in the area?

res	res NO	
X		
	X	
	Х	
	Х	

Remarks:

The wetland/threatened endangered species professionals from Prairie Engineers evaluated the site and coordinated with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. They determined that the site did not include any preferred habitat for threatened and endangered species. Additionally, the IDOT-BDE, in a memo dated May 10, 2018, terminated consultation for Illinois endangered species and stated that no designated critical habitat was in the area.

See attached agency coordination that was accomplished as a part of the Wetland Delineation Survey and the natural resources review by IDOT.

Energy and Natural Resources

Will	the	project	result in	energy	impacts	during	or afte	r constru	uction?
Will	den	nand ex	xceed su	pply?					

Are scarce or unusual materials required for the proposed project? Will the project change existing aircraft fuel consumption?

Yes	No	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	

Remarks:

Due to the characteristics of the proposed project being wetland removal, energy use would not be impacted.

Environmental Justice (EJ)

Are any EJ populations located within the project area?
Will the project result in adversely high or disproportionate impacts to the EJ population?

X
Χ

Remarks: The proposed project would occur on existing airport property.

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<u>Farmland</u>	Yes No
Is there any F	ct affect any Agricultural Lands? Prime Farmland (per NRCS) in the project area? 1006 Form score: N/A
V	The proposed project would occur on existing Airport property. Under the IDOA-IDOT Cooperative Working Agreement all development on Airport property is exempt from further review and is in compliance with the state's Farmland Preservation Act and as such the FPPA does not apply.
Floodplair	ns
	Yes No
Is the proje	ct located in a FEMA designated floodplain?
	Sponding FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or other documentation in the appendix. The project is not located in a FEMA designated floodplain. See attached Floodplain Map.
Land and	Water Conservation Fund Act Section 6(f) Yes No
	as acquired or improved with Land and Water X Fund grant assistance?
Remarks: T	he proposed project would occur on existing airport property.
Will the proje Does the pro	ct result in airport-related lighting impacts? posed project fit with the existing environment? The proposed project does not include any lighting.
Naiss	
Are there nor Will the proje	ct change the current noise levels? n-compatible land uses within the 65 DNL? ct create temporary (less than 180 days) noise impacts? alysis required in accordance with FAA regulations? Yes X N/A N/A X X
Remarks:	The proposed project would not increase the number of aircraft operations or change aircraft fleet mix. Airport construction typically requires use of heavy equipment. Due to the short construction time (less than three months), and the minimal use of large equipment operations, no significant increase in noise levels would be expected.
Social Imp	<u>pacts</u>
Will the propo	osed action result in the relocation of people, businesses or farms? Yes X X
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Numb	er of relocations:	Residences:	0 E	Businesses: 0	Farms:	0 Other: 0	-
Remarks	The propo	sed project wo	ould occur o	n existing Airport	property.		
Socioe	conomic Impac	ets					
A cha An im	proposed action resignate in business or appear to local public ted/Secondary impa	economic activi s service dema	•	oject area		Yes No X X X	
Remarks	proposed impr	ovements inclu	ude a tempo	sting Airport proporary increase in or the construction	employment in th	e benefits of the ne construction sector	
Solid ar	nd Hazardous W	/aste					
If Yes, If Yes, Does the pr	n Environmental Dudis EDDA Phase II re is EDDA Phase III re is EDDA Phase III re project require the use oposed project generate local disposal fa	equired/comple equired/complese of land that erate solid was	eted leted t may be coi ste?	ntaminated?	Yes vaste?	X X X	
Remarks:	The proposed pro	oject would oc	cur on existi	ng airport proper	ty.		
Nater Q	<u>tuality</u>						
Are there	Rivers, Watercour Streams, Rivers, W ny Wild, Scenic or R	atercourses o	Ditches in/ı	near the project a		No X	
	ters any lakes or ponds other surface/below	•	•	e project area?	X	X	
Remarks:						e ditch. An Section or to construction of this	
/etlands	S wetlands in/near the	e project area?	,	Yes X	No		
	Total wetland	area: <u>0.8</u>	9 acre(s)	Total wetland	area impacted:	0.89 acres(s)	
Wetland No.	Classification	Total Size (Acre)	Impacted Acres	Jurisdictional	Non- Jurisdictional	Comments	
	PUBGh	0.89	0.89	Yes		Fair to low floristic quality	

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Completed DocumentationYesNoWetland Delineation ReportXConceptual Mitigation Plan (see remarks)XMitigation AvailableX	
Individual Wetland Finding Alternatives that will not result in any wetland impacts are not practicable be avoidance would result in (Mark all that apply and explain): Substantial adverse impacts to adjacent homes, business or other improved postantially increased project costs; Unique engineering, maintenance, or safety problems; Substantial adverse social, economic, or environmental impacts, or The project not meeting the identified needs	Yes No
Discuss measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate wetland impacts. Make sure to include Remarks: See attached applicable pages of the Wetland Survey.	mitigation ratios.
The wetland professionals from Prairie Engineers evaluated the site a IDOT-BDE. See attached agency coordination that was accomplished Delineation Survey and the natural resources review by IDOT. Additionally, IDOT-BDE determined that the required mitigation ration IWPA part 1090/ IDOT wetlands Action Plan, for mitigation at a wetlar credits required for purchase totals 3.56 acres. The wetland mitigation Sangamon River Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank (SRWSMB) in This mitigation bank is within the same watershed as the proposed pre Impact Evaluation approval.) Cumulative Impacts	d as a part of the Wetland would be 4:1, under the nd mitigation bank. The total on is proposed to occur at the Sangamon County, Illinois.
<u> </u>	Yes No
When considered together with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable development projects on or off the airport, would the proposed project produce a cumulative effect on any of the environmental impact categories above?	
Remarks: None of the projects that have taken place in the last three years in to produced a significant environmental impact. None of the projects the interior three years are anticipated to produce any significant environmental with those development its cumulatively significant environmental impact in not anticipated.	hat are proposed to take place vironmental impacts. When the

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Part III - Permits, Mitigation, Coordination and Public Involvement

PERMITS/MITIGATION

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List all required permits for the proposed project & indicate if any problems are anticipated in obtaining the permit Remarks: An Section 404 permit with a Section 401 water quality certification would be required.

If the construction area is greater than one acre, a construction NPDES permit may be required.

No difficulties are anticipated in obtaining these permits.

Mitigation

Describe all mitigation measures for the proposed project. Include any impacts that cannot be mitigated or those that cannot be mitigated below threshold levels. Also, provide a description of any resources that must be avoided during construction.

Remarks: Purchase 3.56 acres of wetland credits at a wetland mitigation bank in Illinois.

EARLY COORDINATION

List each agency coordinated with, the date coordination was sent, and if a response was received in the following table. Make sure to include a copy of the response in the appendix.

Resource Agency	Date ECL Sent	Date Response Received	Date Draft EA Sent	Date Response Received

Remarks:	See attachments.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Some level of public involvement is encouraged for every Federal Action. **The level of public involvement should be commensurate with the proposed action.** Discuss any public involvement activities (legal notices, letters to affected property owners and residents, meetings, special purpose meetings, newspaper articles, etc.) for this project.

Remarks:	The proposed removal, permitting and mitigation of the wetland was discussed at an open Airport Board Meeting (Oct. 16, 2018). Please see the attached meeting minutes.			
Public Cor	ntroversy on Environmental Grounds	Yes	No	
	ct anticipated to involve substantial controversy concerning community and/or ource impacts?		X	

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Preparer Certification	
I hereby certify that the information I have provided is com	plete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge:
Apinner	February 22, 2021
.Signature	.Date
Lana Sumner, Senior Transportation & Environmental Planner	.Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc.
.Printed Name and Title	.Organization
Airport Sponsor Certification (may not be delegated to	consultant)
I hereby certify that the information provided is complete a recognize and agree that no construction activity, including disturbance, shall proceed for the above proposed project(the proposed project(s) and until compliance with all other airspace approval, grant approval if applicable) have occur required shall be obtained before proceeding with the prop	but not limited to site preparation, demolition, or land s) until the FAA issues a final environmental decision for applicable FAA approval actions (e.g., ALP approval, red. All applicable Federal, State, and local permits
Made Effanna	February 22, 2021
.Signature	.Date
.Mark Hanna, A.A.E., Executive Director	Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport
.Printed Name and Title	.Organization
FAA Decision	
Having reviewed the above information, certified by the res development warrant environmental processing as indicate	
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The proposed development action exhibits condition Environmental Assessment.	ns that require the preparation of a detailed
The proposed development action requires prepara	ation of an Environmental Impact Statement.
This Environmental Assessment becomes a Federal docur	ment when signed/dated by the Responsible FAA Official.
Amy B. Hanson	4/7/21
Signature	Date
Amy B. Hanson	
Environmental Protection Specialist	as FAA Approving Official for the Federal Aviation Administration

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Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Wildlife Hazard Management at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport Springfield, IL

January 2016 – December 2016



Prepared by: Adam Phillips Wildlife Biologist USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services

USDA APHIS



Wildlife Attractant Observations and Recommended Mitigation

During the formal wildlife hazard assessment performed between January 2009 and January 2010, USDA-WS observed areas and attractants which seem to have increased the presence of some wildlife species which may pose a hazard to aircraft. In that document are several recommendations to alleviate wildlife hazards on the airfield. Many of those recommendations have been implemented while others are waiting for action to take place. The following recommendations are areas where some work has begun but additional methods need to be implemented to reduce the attractiveness to those species which were identified as a hazard. However, it should be understood that these areas may continue to be attractive to those same species or other species after management recommendations have been implemented. USDA-WS will continue to monitor the airfield for wildlife attractants and make recommendations based on sound scientific practices to reduce those hazards. In addition, USDA-WS will continue to implement harassment and lethal methods to reduce wildlife use of these areas on and around SPI.

1. Wetlands and Vegetation (Medium Hazard) – The water retention pond located south of the Charlie Ramp is an attractant to waterfowl (Figure 1). This pond is mainly used by ducks of various species and in the past has had the occasional pair of Canada geese. In addition, the vegetation surrounding the pond provides habitat for other species such as red-tailed hawks, white-tail deer, coyote and red fox. USDAWS recommends this area be cut and graded to eliminate the standing water and allow the vegetation to be moved to a consistent height. In 2015 and 2016, the basin retained less water than in years past. Also, the wetland on the south side of the

control tower and associated unmaintained vegetation is an attractant to many types of wildlife including wading birds, passerines and raptors. These two areas should be investigated and their removals planned in accordance with all relevant wetlands laws.



Figure 1: Pond located south of Charlie Ramp at SPI.

To:

Steve Young

Attn: Michael Dudas

From:

Scott Stitt

By: Brad Koldehoff

Subject:

Cultural Resources Clearance - No Historic

Properties Affected

Date:

May 24, 2018

Sangamon County Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport Seq. 11768

For the above referenced undertaking, IDOT's qualified Cultural Resources staff hereby make a "No Historic Properties Affected" finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

This finding concludes the Section 106 process in accordance with the stipulations of the Programmatic Agreement Regarding Section 106 Implementation for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois, executed March 6, 2018 by FHWA, Illinois SHPO, IDOT and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

No further cultural resources coordination is required for this undertaking.

Brad H. Koldehoff

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Cultural Resources Unit Chief Bureau of Design & Environment

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1604411

10/23/2015

IDNR Project Number:

Date:

Applicant:

Springfield Airport Authority

Contact:

Joseph Bartletti

Address:

1200 Capitol Airport Drive

Springfield, IL 62707

Project:

ALCA Tree Removal and Drainage Planning

Address:

1200 Capital Airport Dr, , Springfield

Description: The airport is currently looking at the area for drainage planning purposes and to clear woody vegetation from the site for airport safety.

Natural Resource Review Results

This project was submitted for information only. It is not a consultation under Part 1075.

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location.

Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Sangamon

Township, Range, Section:

16N, 5W, 17

IL Department of Natural Resources Contact

Impact Assessment Section 217-785-5500 Division of Ecosystems & Environment



Disclaimer

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.

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No Response from Agency (USFWS)



October 24, 2015

Rock Island Ecological Services Offices U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services 1511 47th Avenue Moline, IL 61265

ATTN: Kraig McPeek

RE: Threatened and Endangered Species Coordination

Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport -Planning

Sangamon County, Illinois

Dear Mr. McPeek:

Prairie Engineers of Illinois, P.C. (PEI) is assisting with environmental documentation within an approximate 11 acre Study Area within the Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (ALCA) (Figure 1) and includes coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for endangered and threatened species. The Project Study Area is located the southeast corner of the ALCA in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois (Section 17 of Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian; Figure 2). The airport is currently looking at the area for planning purposes and any future project will likely propose to clear woody vegetation from the site for airport safety. A site visit was conducted on October 9, 2015 by Joseph Bartletti and Bryan Cross to characterize the existing habitat types present and to identify if potential habitat for endangered species exists.

The agency's Section 7 Consultation website http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/lists/illinois-cty.html was reviewed for a list of species and critical habitat within Sangamon County, Illinois (Table 1). Currently, three federally listed threatened or endangered species occur, or have historically occurred, within the County.

Table 1. Federally Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species in Sangamon County, Illinois

County	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat
Sangamon	Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	Endangered	Caves, mines, small stream corridors with well-developed riparian woods; upland forests
	Northern Long-Eared Bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Threatened	Caves, mines, upland forests and woods
	Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid	Platanthera leucophaea	Threatened	Mesic to wet prairies
Revised List R	Orchid evised September 30, 2015 - http:/	 //www.fws.gov/midwest/endo	 angered/lists/illing	pis-ctv html

Habitat cover types were characterized within the Project Study Area (**Figure 3**). The majority of the site was actively disturbed by row crops or active haying/mowing; however, a small 0.891 acre wetland complex was located within the site. The delineated wetland had an FQI score of 14.1 and a mean C value of 2.52, thus not suitable to support the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid. The wooded cover surrounding the wetland complex was composed primarily of small diameter (<6 in) early successional species such as black willow, black cherry, red mulberry, and cedar. A comprehensive tree survey within the Project Study Area was not conducted; nearly 100% of the trees present had a diameter at breast height (DBH) than six inches. The thicket of willows provided canopy coverage of approximately 80% within the scrub/shrub portion of the wetland complex.

Not preferred, but potentially suitable foraging habitat was observed for the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat above the wetland complex. A small portion (\approx 0.10 acres) of the emergent wetland appears to maintain a small shallow pool of open water year round due to a spring.

It is our opinion any actions proposed would not impact any of the three species listed for Sangamon County, thus a "No Effect" determination has been concluded. Please contact me if the USFWS has any additional information on threaten or endangered species in the study area, or does not concur with a "No Effect" determination regarding the project. You can reach me directly at (217) 717-4379 or ibartletti@prairieengineers.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Bartletti



Figure 1. Project Location

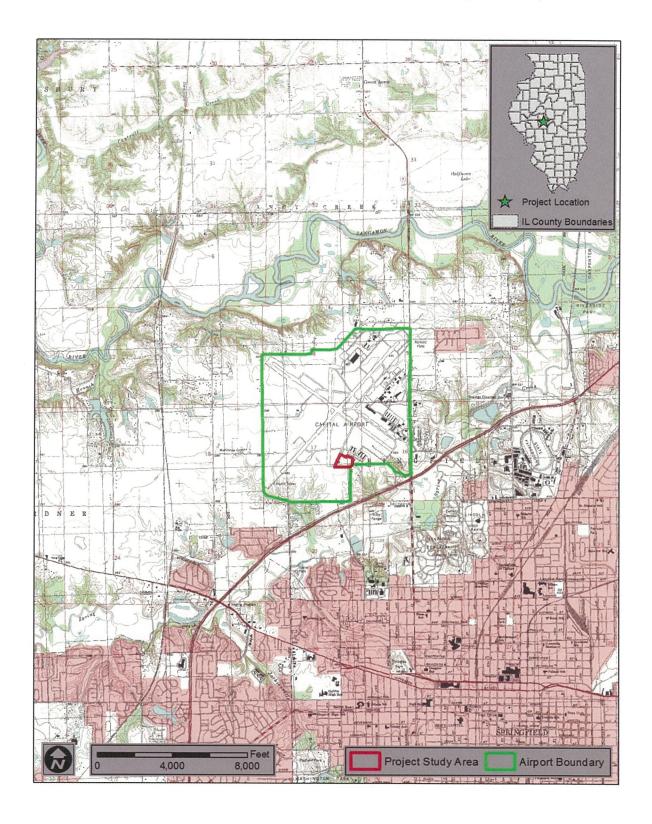


Figure 2. Project Study Area

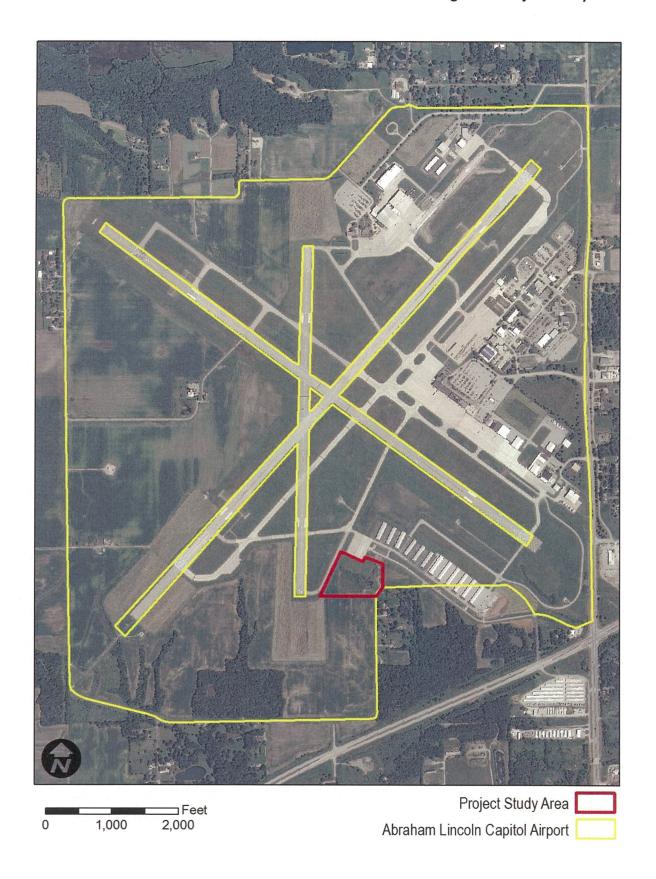


Figure 3. Project Study Area Land Cover Types



To:

Michael Dudas

From:

Scott E. Stitt

By: Thomas C. Brooks

home Brooks

Subject:

Natural Resources Review

Date:

May 10, 2018

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport T16N/R5W/S17 Sangamon County Seq. #11768

The proposed project involves clearing and filling an existing wetland location to deter wildlife attractants which are hazardous to commercial aircraft.

There will be no new acres of land acquisition. There will be in-stream work in Spring Creek. There will be 0.5 acres of tree removal. Land cover in the vicinity of the proposed improvement is primarily mowed grass fields.

Review for Illinois Endangered Species Protection and Illinois Natural Areas Preservation – Part 1075

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location. **Therefore, consultation under Part 1075 is terminated**.

This review for compliance with 17 III. Adm. Code Part 1075 is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed improvement is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the proposed improvement has not been implemented within two years of the date of this memorandum, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new review will be necessary.

Review for Illinois Interagency Wetland Policy Act - Part 1090

The National Wetlands Inventory shows wetlands in the vicinity of the project location. A survey for wetlands was conducted within the Environmental Survey Request limits for the proposed improvements. All potential sites were examined and one wetland was determined. The Wetland Delineation Report and spatial information (ArcGIS shapefile) are saved in the project folder.

The project sponsor will consider location and design alternatives to avoid and minimize adverse wetland impacts to the extent practical. After the extent of impacts is determined, a Wetland Impact Evaluation (WIE) form will be completed and submitted to the IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment. Unavoidable adverse wetland impacts are subject to the applicable ratios specified in 17 III. Adm. Code Part 1090.50 (c)(8). If the project will avoid adverse wetland impacts, the WIE should reflect the determination that adverse wetland impacts will not occur. The WIE form and instructions for its completion can be accessed at http://www.dot.il.gov/environment/wetlands.asp. Pending the submittal of the WIE our wetland review under Part 1090 is open.

Review for Endangered Species Act - Section 7

The proposed improvement was reviewed in fulfillment of our obligation under Section 7(a)2 of the Endangered Species Act. Our review included use of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) web-based review tool. Through IPaC, an official species list was generated. The list contains the endangered, threatened, proposed and candidate species and proposed and designated critical habitat that may be present within or in the vicinity of the proposed improvement. The following species are listed: Indiana bat (Ibat), northern long-eared bat (NLEB) and eastern prairie fringed orchid. No proposed or designated critical habitat is listed. Under 50 CFR 402.12(e), the accuracy of the species list is limited to 90 days.

Within IPaC there is the NLEB-Ibat determination key. We used the key to determine applicability of the project with the USFWS revised programmatic biological opinion for transportation projects dated 12-15-2016 and to assess what effect the project would have on NLEB or Ibat. We completed an IPaC qualification interview and determined that the project is within the scope of the programmatic biological opinion and is <u>not likely to adversely affect</u> the NLEB or Ibat provided the following conservation measure is implemented by the project sponsor: trees three (3) inches or greater in diameter at breast height will not be cleared April 1 through September 30. If the proposed improvement includes bridge/structure replacement and an assessment for signs of bats was conducted, please note that the assessment is valid for two years and that an expired assessment will need to be updated prior to construction.

We cross-referenced the preferred habitat of each of the remaining listed species with our knowledge of the project area and determined that the project will have no effect on those species.

Should the proposed improvement be modified, or new information indicates listed or proposed species may be affected, consultation or additional coordination should be initiated.

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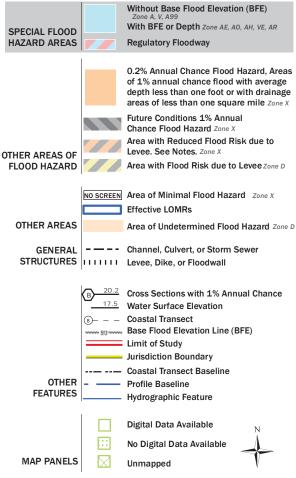
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October 21, 2015

Lana Sumner Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, Inc. 2750 West Washington Street Springfield, Illinois 62702

RE: Wetland Survey

Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Sumner:

This letter summarizes the results of a wetland survey performed by Prairie Engineers of Illinois, P.C. (PEI) for approximate 11 acre Project Study Area within the Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (ALCA) in Springfield Illinois.

Introduction

Joseph Bartletti and Bryan Cross of PEI conducted a routine wetland delineation on October 9, 2015 for an approximate 11 acre study area located within the southeast corner of the ALCA in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. The Project Study Area is located in Section 17 of Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian (Figure 1). The purpose of the survey was to identify any potential wetland and water resources within the Project Study Area which may be jurisdictional to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District (USACE) or State of Illinois.

The weather at the time of the survey was overcast with temperatures in the upper fifties to lower sixties (°F). The total average annual precipitation for Sangamon County, Illinois is 37.43 inches, most of which falls in the spring and summer months. At the time of the survey, Sangamon County was not under drought conditions, and had not had any killing frost. Weather observations at the ALCA meteorological station indicated the Project Study Area received 10.02 inches of rainfall in the 3 months prior to the survey; precipitation values within the normal range (**Table 1**). Approximately 0.20 inches of rain had fallen in the 24 hours prior to the field survey.

Table 1: Climatic Evaluation

Month	Days	Precipitation inches	Normal Average	Normal Range
July	31	4.16	3.53	2.18 - 4.27
August	31	1.57	3.41	2.02 - 4.14
September	30	4.29	2.83	1.57 - 3.49

Prior to field investigations, the following sources were examined to determine potential wetland locations: current and historical aerial photographs, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps, U.S. Department of Agriculture Web Soil Survey maps, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture -Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) official soil series descriptions (OSD). Wetland determinations were conducted using the definitions and guidelines established in the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0) (USACE 2010).

Table 2 lists the five (n=5) soil units that have been mapped by the USDA within the Project Study Area. All soils are listed partially hydric and range from well drained to somewhat poorly drained (Figure 2). The NWI maps display numerous wetland polygons and NHD streams within the Airport Property. Furthermore, one wetland polygon (1.03 acres) labeled as a PUBGh, is within the Project Study Area (Figure 3).

The Project Study Area lies within the Archer Creek-Spring Creek watershed (HUC12 -071300080203). Land use within the 40,152 acre (162.5 square kilometer) watershed is a mix of urban and agricultural with forested areas bordering major drainages (Figure 4). Spring Creek is listed as 303(d) stream by the Illinois EPA, with impairment caused by sedimentation/siltation and PCBs. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report has been completed for the impaired reaches. Spring Creek is not considered a "biologically significant stream" and has "C" ratings for its biological diversity and "C-D" rating for its habitat integrity upstream of the Project Study Area (Figure 5).

Table 2: Soils Types within the Project Study Area

Map Unit	Map Unit Name	Percent Slope	Drainage Class	Hydric Rating	Acres
Symbol					
257A	Clarksdale silt loam	0-2%	Somewhat poorly drained	Partially hydric	0.536
279B	Rozetta silt loam	2-5%	Well drained	Partially hydric	3.391
43A	Ipava silt loam	0-2%	Somewhat poorly drained	Partially hydric	3.63
86B	Osco silt loam	2-5%	Well drained	Partially hydric	2.819
17A	Keomah silt loam	0-2%	Somewhat poorly drained	Partially hydric	0.344
				TOTAL	10.72

Flows within the airport are generally controlled by an extensive underground stormwater drainage system that shuttles water from the runways, taxiways, and hanger areas into constructed or natural drainages near the periphery of the Airport. A large (36 inch) stormwater culvert enters near the western boundary of the Project Study Area, and a smaller 18 inch culvert from the north. Both culverts convey surface water runoff southeast toward the corner of the Project Study Area before exiting the Airport property (Figure 6). Flow continues offsite through a combination of overland flow and stormwater controls (culverts and drainage tile). After leaving this area of the airport, flow enters an unnamed tributary before connecting into Spring Creek approximately one mile to the southeast. Spring Creek flows northeast toward the Sangamon River.



Field Survey Results

A total of four data points were taken within the Project Study Area; the data points were taken to assist with delineating site boundaries and providing representative sampling locations. All four points were used to delineate a single wetland. The locations of data points were mapped using a Trimble GeoXH handheld sub-meter GPS unit (Figure 7). Two of the points were used as representative interior samples (meeting all three wetland criteria established in the Wetland Determination Manual); two points were representative 'out' samples. Wetland Determination Data Forms for each data point are included in Appendix A. The delineated wetland is provided in Figure 8.

Data Point 1 –Herbaceous Emergent Wetland Zone

Data point 1 was located within the NWI wetland polygon (PUBGh) in the lowest portion of the Project Study Area. The site can be described as a former pond, as evidenced by the large earthen embankment along the eastern and south-eastern edges. The embankment has an outlet and spillway; however, the basin has been compromised by an agricultural tile 'blowout' which occurred within the basin and has effectively dewatered the pond. All that remains of the open-water area is a small pool only a few inches deep. Hydrology to the site is provided through both surface water runoff (stormwater from the airport) and groundwater. A spring within the lower part of the basin is supplying a small but steady upwelling of groundwater. Soils were saturated at the surface throughout the emergent wetland area, and the obligate vegetation such as arrowhead, soft-stem bulrush, and southern naiad indicate a relatively consistent water level. The boundaries of the emergent wetland zone were defined by the former pond embankment, soil saturation, and the vegetation shift.

Data Point 2- Scrub/Shrub Wetland Zone

Data Point 2 was taken upslope of Data Point 1 on the southern side of the wetland. The point is situated near the former littoral margins of the pond prior to the failure of the basin. The spot is currently dominated by a dense stand of scouring rush, reed canary grass, and willow saplings. Hydrology to this portion of the wetland is provided primarily by surface runoff. The exposed tile in the basin serves to prevent extended stormwater retention; however, the upper portion of the basin likely floods for short periods of heavy rainfall. Soils are strongly hydric and vegetation was dominated by hydrophytes in this zone of the wetland. On most sides of the wetland the boundaries were fairly distinct with sudden shifts in vegetation and/or soils, but the southern edge had a more subtle shift. Historic aerial photographs were also used to assist in comparison of the delineated boundary in the field to "wetland signatures" present within the photographs.

Data Point 3- Non-wetland (Southern Edge)

Data point 3 was located outside the boundaries of the wetland complex on the southern edge. The area to the south of the wetland had been excavated in the past (whether for borrow or additional storage is unknown). The area is currently maintained as lawn by the airport; mowing is completed as close to the basin as possible. The site does not exhibit a substantial amount of rutting indicating soil moisture is not currently persistent through the summer months. The soils in most of the excavated area exhibit hydric characteristics, but these should be considered relic based on the current hydrology. The vegetation shifted from facultative to facultative upland.



Data Point 4-Non-wetland (Northern Edge)

Data Point 4 was located within the northern side of the basin and in alignment of part of the area that represents the former USGS NHD stream seen in **Figure 1**. The area was slightly depressed from the surrounding area, but above the shoreline zone of the former pond. The area maintained some hydrophytic species, but the dominant vegetative species were non-hydrophytes. Soils within the area represented by Data Point 4 were considered non-hydric, but also contained fill material. The basin was further modified between 1983 and 1998 (**Appendix C**). No indicators of hydrology were present as the former channel was no longer present.

Additional Note on Non-wetland Sites

The study area contains an excavated ditch on the northeast side of the basin/wetland. The ditch exhibits the general characteristics of the scrub/shrub area of the wetland; however, the aerial photography documents the construction of the ditch as part of the construction of the Hanger Bay area and Charlie Ramp. The area excavated was in upland. No non-wetland waters (streams) were identified in the Project Study Area.

Summary

The results from the field survey identify the presence of a single wetland complex less than 1 acre in size (0.891ac) within the project study limits. The wetland complex maintains an FQI score of 14.01 and a mean C of 2.52, indicating a fair —to low floristic quality. The site is an impounded basin with excavated areas; hydrology is controlled by both groundwater and surface water inputs, but an exposed 12 inch clay tile running underneath the basin has effectively drained the basin. The pond would have formerly held 3-4 feet of water in the deepest portion. The outflow of the basin connects into an unnamed waterway which drains to Spring Creek. The wetland would likely be considered "jurisdictional" as Waters of the U.S. by the Rock Island District USACE.

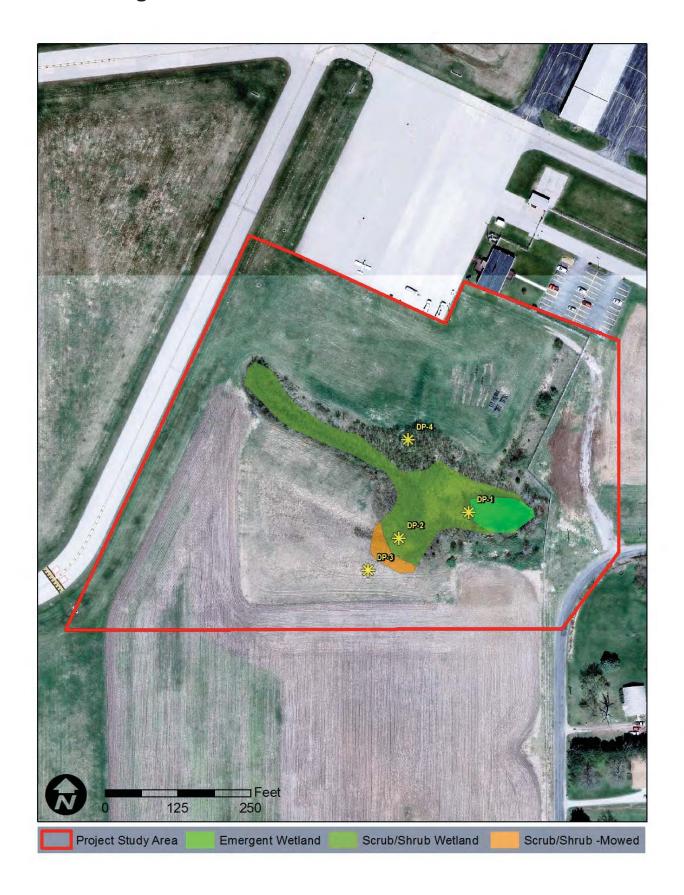
If you have any questions regarding the results from the survey described in this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Bartletti Environmental Scientist



Figure 8: Boundaries of Delineated Wetlands



Wetlands

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	Requesting Agency: Aeron	nauti Project No:
Contract #:		Job No.:
counties : Sangar	non	
Route: Abraham Li	ncoln Capital	Marked: No
Street: Aviation La	ne/Wilbur Road	Section:
lunicipality(ies):	Springfield	Project Length: 0.3219 km 0.2 miles
romTo (At): Alon	g southern end of Abraham Lincol	n Capital Airport, along Wilbur Road
Quadrangle: Sprin	•	Township-Range-Section: 16N-5W-17
Inticipated Design		Cleared for Design Approval: 12/05/2019
leared for Letting	: 12/05/2019 Mitigation	Yes Mitigation Completed:
Wetland Impacts	Evaluation	
	Submittal Date:	05/30/2018 Submitted By:
Does the project h	nave wetland impacts?	Yes Type: Permanent
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Summarize briefly why there are no practicable alternatives to the use of the wetland(s): The open water maintained by this wetland is highly attractive to waterfowl. The location of this wetland and the tendency for it to attract hazardous wildlife, can create significant safety threats to aircrafts using ALCA.		
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SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Airport Authority

was called to order by Chair Vala at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, in the Conference

Room at the Authority's offices at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PRESENT:

Frank J. Vala, Chair

Herman Bodewes, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner

Diane Hardwick, Commissioner

Mike Houston, Commissioner

Mike Meyer, Commissioner

Susan R. Shea, Commissioner

Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary

Jim Lestikow, Attorney

Mark Hanna, Executive Director

Ken Boyle, Director of Admin & Finance

Roger Blickensderfer, Director of Facilities & Maintenance

ABSENT:

None

VISITORS:

None

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September

18, 2018. Commissioner Hardwick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting

of September 18, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 7

ayes/0 nays.

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Treasurer Kinnaman gave the Treasurer's Report. Director of Finance and Administration,

Ken Boyle gave the Comptroller's Report and Commissioner Houston presented the Finance Chair

Report.

Vice Chair Bodewes discussed the FAA-System Support Center Lease. Their current lease

ended September 30th and a new five year agreement has been negotiated. Commissioner Bodewes

made a motion to approve the five year lease between the Springfield Airport Authority and the

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and authorize the Board

Chairman to sign, seconded by Commissioner Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0

nays.

Commissioner Meyer reported that the annual FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspection that took place on October 9th, 10th and 11th has been completed. Results of the inspection revealed that the airport is currently in compliance with all extensive requirements of FAR Part 139, the Airport Certification Manual/Specification, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting requirements and the Airport Operating Certificate and the inspector complimented the airport's training programs, record-keeping and organization and planning of required training events and airport safety programs.

Chair Vala gave an update on the construction projects.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a decrease in year-to-date airline passenger activity for this calendar year compared to last year.

Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of September were 135,045 gallons with revenue of \$16,949. Airline sales were steady compared to the previous month while retail jet fuel saw a slight decrease. Military contract sales rebounded and Avgas sales were just over 5,000 gallons.

Executive Director Hanna reported the passenger loads on the Allegiant flights to Punta Gorda remain strong compared to the same time last year; he has recently met with Allegiant about future opportunities. Mr. Hanna also reported on the permitting process that is underway to mitigate wetlands to the south of the Charlie Ramp in the airport's south quadrant. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services has recommended the removal of this wetland in a recent Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Report. A wetland has been officially identified and efforts are underway to seek proper permitting to mitigate the wetland. Airport staff and consulting engineers are currently working with IDOT and the U.S. Corps of Engineers to secure the proper permit and coordinate the wetland banking process that will enable the airport to clear and drain the area to eliminate wildlife attractants in close proximity to the airfield.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, The meeting adjourned at 5.41 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary