## SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

## **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, April 19, 2022, in the Conference Room at the Authority's offices at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair

Mike Houston, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner \*

Teresa Haley, Commissioner Susan Shea, Commissioner Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer R. Beverly Peters, Secretary Jim Lestikow, Attorney

Mark Hanna, Executive Director Ken Boyle, Deputy Executive Director

Roger Blickensderfer, Director of Facilities & Maintenance \* Attended remotely via telephone or video conference

ABSENT: Tim Franke, Commissioner

Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner

VISITORS: Jeff Olson, Hanson Professional Services

Randy Vogel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Barry & Natalie Fitzgerald

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022 and the disposal of all Regular Meeting recordings more than six months old. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022 and the disposal of all Regular Meeting recordings more than six months old, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Treasurer Kinnaman gave the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Houston discussed insurance coverage for 2022-2023. Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the proposed insurance renewals from R.W. Troxell and direct the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents to renew the Authority's Property

coverage with Cincinnati, Auto coverage with Cincinnati, Officers & Directors Liability coverage with Old Republic, Airport Liability coverage with All Access Aviation and Liquor Liability coverage with US Insurance, all for a one year period, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Delheimer discussed the Costa Coffee Agreement for the placement of two gourmet coffee vending machines in the terminal. Commissioner Delheimer made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Springfield Airport Authority and The Coca-Cola Company (Costa Coffee) and authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Delheimer discussed an auction to dispose of surplus property and equipment. The sale will include a John Deere 7710 tractor with a value that requires Board approval to liquidate. Commissioner Delheimer made a motion to declare the John Deere 7710 tractor as surplus property and authorize its disposal at the auction being held April 30, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Shea. Discussion ensued regarding setting a reserve amount for the tractor. An amendment was made to the motion by Commissioner Delheimer to establish a minimum bid prior to the auction, seconded by Commissioner Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays. Motion as amended was approved and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Commissioner Shea reported that the Experimental Aircraft Association was awarded the EAA Chapter 770 Gold status, and they are one of only five chapters in the state of Illinois to reach this status.

Attorney Lestikow reported that legal action has been put on hold for defaulted rent for Robert's Aviation as he has been voluntarily paying on a monthly basis.

Executive Director Hanna reported regarding air service that we are tracking closely with 2019 numbers for passenger traffic and that the ongoing pilot shortage is not getting better as the

airlines continue to reduce frequencies across the system. The observation deck should be ready this fall due to delays in the fabrication process; the 100 LL self-service tank is done and waiting for final inspection and testing; the federal mask mandate has been lifted in terminals and aboard commercial airlines; a Neighborhood Crime Watch program for businesses around the airport has been started; Congressman Peter Mack's daughter, Mona Mack Melampy, reached out and shared a copy of a book that she wrote regarding her father's trip around the world in 1952; LLCC is kicking off repair/resurfacing project for hangar floor at the school in the LRS maintenance facility and they have asked if the SAA would provide financial support to help with this project – the Board agreed to assist up to the available spending limit at Staff level; the SAA's insurance premiums may be adjusted due to selling of vehicles in the upcoming auction

Correspondence includes a complimentary letter for Pam Minder, Manager of Passenger Services; EAA Chapter 770 will be sponsoring the "Fly on the Ford" (Tri-Motor) May 19-22.

Visitor Barry Fitzgerald asked if there is a 100 year plan for the airport – Mr. Hanna replied that we have a 25 year Airport Improvement Plan and it is due to be updated next year. Mr. Fitzgerald asked about the 18/36 runway removal and Mr. Hanna reported that the FAA will not support maintaining and that the FAA has identified the multiple intersecting runways to be a safety concern. Plans to remove the runway began nearly 20 years ago in 2003 and has been discussed for a number of years during Board meetings and during FAA runway safety action team meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

and due to the Solar Array project.

Frank J. Vala, Chair R. Beverly Peters, Secretary