

## SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, January 18, 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, January 18, 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  
Tim Franke, Commissioner  
Teresa Haley, Commissioner  
Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner  
Susan Shea, Commissioner  
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer  
Jim Lestikow, Attorney  
Mark Hanna, Executive Director  
Ken Boyle, Deputy Executive Director  
Roger Blickensderfer, Director of Facilities & Maintenance

ABSENT: R. Beverly Peters, Secretary

VISITORS: Albert Willis, Veregy  
Corey Harper, Veregy  
Bob Smith, Veregy  
Zack Kearman, Balance Solar  
Michael Lorentz, HLR  
Mike Orlando, Subway  
Dean Olsen, Illinois Times  
Jeff Olson, Hanson Professional Services  
Randy Vogel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2021. Commissioner Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays. Chair Vala asked for a motion to amend the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting to reflect that the inaugural flight by Allegiant to Phoenix/Mesa began on November 18, 2021 and not November 17, 2021 as reported. The motion was moved by Commissioner Franke, seconded by Chair Vala and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Treasurer Kinnaman gave the Treasurer's Report and Assistant Secretary Boyle gave the Budget and Finance Report.

Commissioner Franke asked the Executive Director if he could be apprised of the next Chamber Military Affairs meeting.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Chair Vala discussed the acquisition of a large mowing tractor to replace a similar tractor that is 24 years old. Commissioner Shea made a motion to approve the Joint Purchasing Program price of \$178,870.56 to acquire the 6175R tractor and authorize the Executive Director to sign any agreements/documents and authorize payment when invoiced, seconded by Vice Chair Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Chair Vala introduced the Guaranteed Energy Services Project and Executive Director Hanna discussed with the Board that this project will develop a solar array in the airport's north quadrant to serve the Authority's Public Safety Building (PSD), the FAA FSDO building and the StandardAero MRO complex. Mr. Hanna then introduced Corey Harper from Veregy who updated the Board on their company and the process for this project. Vice Chair Houston made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Energy Services Agreement with Veregy, Assignment and Assumption of an Amendment to Guaranteed Energy Savings contract, Pre-Paid Solar Agreement with Balance Solar, Donation Agreement from Balance Solar to the Authority and the four (4) proposed drafts of the StandardAero Lease Amendments and authorize the Board Chair to sign all related documents, seconded by Commissioner Haley and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Hardwick made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Energy Services loan of up to \$6,000,000 from Town and Country Bank for a construction loan rate at 0.89% and a five year fixed rate with a 20 year amortization at an interest rate of 1.39%, and authorize the Board Chair to sign all related loan documents, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a 70.45% increase in year-to-date passenger activity compared to last year. Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of December were 143,382 gallons with revenue of \$15,299. The month of December saw significant gallon increases across the board for all airlines. Retail Jet-A saw an 8,000 gallon decrease from the previous month. Avgas retail sales continue to struggle and this trend is expected to continue until spring. December 2021 has been the best month so far this fiscal year in total gallons sold.

Commissioner Shea reported that she, Executive Director Hanna and IDOT's Deputy Director of Aeronautics toured the Aviation Maintenance Program at LLCC and was thrilled to see women and diversity in the class. She was very complimentary of the program and impressed with the dedication of the students witnessed.

Mike Orlando from Subway addressed the Board regarding the challenges of running the restaurant plus the addition of vending machines for sandwiches. Mr. Hanna gave a brief overview of the current state of the airline industry, which continues to suffer from the effects of COVID and pilot shortages; the Small Community Air Service Development grant has been announced by DOT for this year and staff will prepare an application; progress has been made on lowering the power lines along J. David Jones Parkway between Veterans and Browning Road; terminal project is starting to near completion, however, there are a number of minor items that still need attention; Mr. Hanna attended a meeting with the Illinois Army National Guard where future plans were discussed. Chair Vala thanked Mark, Ken and Roger for the growth of the airport.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Frank J. Vala, Chair

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Kenneth R Boyle, Assistant Secretary