

# SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Airport Authority was called to order by Chair Vala at 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Conference Room at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport's main terminal building.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair  
Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner  
Teresa Haley, Commissioner\*  
Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner\*  
Mike Houston, Vice Chair  
Susan Shea, Commissioner  
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer  
Jim Lestikow, Attorney  
Mark Hanna, Executive Director  
Ken Boyle, Deputy Executive Director  
Traci Cline-Carter, Deputy Director of Facilities & Development  
\* Attended remotely via telephone or video conference

ABSENT: R. Beverly Peters, Secretary

VISITORS: Randy Vogel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.  
Rob Waller, Hansen Professional Services

Chair Vala commented that in the May meeting Commissioner Houston challenged the decision on the Open Meetings Act and again has ignored the ruling of the Chair when he asked for legal opinion from an attorney when the only authority to give legal opinions on the Open Meetings act is the Attorney General. Chair Vala noted that each of the Commissioners, individually and collectively, are going to be legally responsible for answering to the Attorney General when it opens a case and finds there are no facts, but we will have to testify; as such, the Chair again finds Commissioner Houston out of order in accordance with the rules of the board and will be looking to appoint a committee to determine what punishment the board will impose.

Chair Vala presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2023 and asked for a motion to accept or to hear of any changes or amendments. Commissioner Houston announced that he had an

amendment to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2023 and has distributed a copy to each member present for review and consideration. Chair Vala asked if there is motion to consider the amendment and Commissioner Houston made a motion to amend the minutes as presented. Chair Vala asked if there was a second to the motion; no Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion failed to advance. The minutes will be accepted as presented.

Treasurer Kinnaman reported unrestricted funds projected year-end balance of \$7,106,531 and actual year-to-date balance of \$7,775,763, restricted funds projected year-end balance of \$9,274,469 and actual year-to-date balance of \$10,466,042.

In the absence of Commissioner Hardwick, Assistant Secretary Boyle gave the Finance Chair Report. Commissioner Hardwick arrived via telephone at this time.

Commissioner Hardwick reported on the Tax Levy alternatives. Commissioner Hardwick made a motion to levy \$3,228,205 in total taxes for 2023 payable in 2024 and direct staff to prepare the appropriate Tax Levy Ordinance for approval at the July meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Houston and carried with a roll call vote 6 ayes/0 nays.

Executive Director Hanna reported that staff will be meeting with the Illinois Army National Guard regarding C-12 temporary hangar storage at Stellar Aviation.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Chair Vala reported on the StandardAero Facility Improvements, Phase II Design Phase Services. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve CMT's Design Phase Services proposal in the amount of \$327,700 to prepare engineering and bidding/documents and authorize the Executive Director to sign any project agreements/documents and authorize periodic payments to the engineer for these engineering and bidding services, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a 17.54% decrease in year-to-date passenger activity as compared to last year.

Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of May were 112,079 gallons with revenue of \$14,034. Airline Jet sales were down slightly compared with the previous month but an

increase in retail and military jet fuel sales kept overall totals steady. Avgas sales are down slightly due to the aerial survey team's mission ending for the summer.

Commissioner Shea reported on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House.

Executive Director Hanna reported the local EAA 770 is planning a fly-in for this fall; reminded the board of the ribbon cutting event on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> for the Solar Array; planning for the SIU classroom build-out at Stellar Aviation is underway; updated the board on the recent airline meetings; reported on a recent meeting with Epic Fuel and the upcoming contract renewal; reminded the board of the Honor Flight returning this evening from D.C.

The Regular meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Frank J. Vala, Chair

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Ken Boyle, Assistant Secretary