

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 15, 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, February 15, 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
Dianne Hardwick, 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

VISITORS: Randy Vogel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022. Vice Chair Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

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

Commissioner Shea reported on the Economic Impact of Illinois Airports. IDOT recently released the study that reports Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport annually contributes \$370.8 million to the local economy. Commissioner Shea commended staff and stated that it was a very impressive report.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a 106.70% increase in year-to-date passenger activity compared to last year. Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of January were 113,989 gallons with revenue of \$12,983. Airline and retail sales were down compared to the previous month, but military contract Jet fuel sales were up to offset the losses. Avgas sales remain weak. This trend is expected to continue until spring.

Commissioner Shea reported that the EAA Ford Tri-Motor 2022 Tour will be here in May at Stellar Aviation. Commissioner Shea discussed the 75th year anniversary that is coming up in November and would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the celebration.

Executive Director Hanna reported that he and Deputy Executive Director Ken Boyle met with Senator Tammy Duckworth and her team and discussed the many ongoing AIP projects and the planned Public Safety facility improvements to be funded with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds. Also discussed was the various National Guard activities at the airport, air service issues, and pilot shortages. As a follow-up to Commissioner Franke's inquiry, Mr. Hanna reported the Military Affairs Council has not met since the pandemic started, and that they are still interested in working with the Chamber and the possibility of a Washington, D.C. fly-in to meet with Illinois Congressional delegates.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary