

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

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, December 21, 2021, 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 (arrived after roll call)
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: None

VISITORS: Randy Vogel, Crawford, Tilly & Murphy
Rob Waller, Hanson Professional Services
Michael Lorentz, HLR

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021. Vice Chair Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Haley arrived at 5:05 p.m. Chair Vala made a motion to proceed with a resolution to commence litigation against the City of Springfield regarding diverted airport revenues and to prevent the future diversions of airport revenues. Commissioner Hardwick seconded and Chair Vala asked for discussion. Motion carried with a roll call of 4 ayes (Delheimer, Hardwick, Shea, Vala)/ 2 nays (Franke, Haley)/ 1 present (Houston). Chair Vala

stated as Vice Chair Houston may be part of the litigation, this may create a conflict going forward and as this started under his administration while he was Mayor, Chair Vala removed Vice Chair Houston as Chair and as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

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

Chair Vala discussed with the Board the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, provided by the Authority's auditing firm, Eck, Schafer & Punke. Commissioner Shea made a motion to accept the FY 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and place on file seconded by Commissioner Delheimer and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Chair Vala gave the construction report.

Chair Vala discussed the acquisition of additional terminal seating re the Terminal Improvements Phase IV project. Commissioner Haley made a motion to approve the low bid in the amount of \$55,804.10 submitted by Airport Seating Alliance and authorize the Executive Director to sign any project agreements/documents and authorize periodic payments, seconded by Commissioner Delheimer. After discussion regarding options for the seating, Commissioner Haley withdrew the motion, seconded by Commissioner Delheimer. The motion was tabled and staff will research more comfortable seating with oversized chairs and movable arms.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a 59.29% increase in year-to-date passenger activity compared to last year. Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of November were 122,863 gallons with revenue of \$15,425. With the addition of the twice weekly Phoenix/Mesa flights starting on the 18th of November, Allegiant saw about a 10,000 gallon increase from the previous month. In December this trend is expected to continue as Allegiant starts its first full month of flying. Avgas sales have remained steady, but still haven't recovered fully from the departure of the aerial survey teams.

Commissioner Shea reported that on January 6th, she and Executive Director Hanna are going to visit the aviation maintenance program and will report on this next month.

Commissioner Shea discussed a 75th anniversary year celebration and asked for volunteers to assist. Secretary Peters, Commissioner Delheimer and Commissioner Haley volunteered. After discussion, a celebration date will be set at a later date.

Attorney Lestikow reported that a demand letter has been sent to Roberts Aviation regarding past due rent.

Mr. Hanna reported on bringing documents next month to move the solar project forward and the authority will be issuing a RFP to secure financing for the project; discussed the ongoing effort to complete the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process relating to the clearing of approximately nine acres of wooded lands in the airport's south quadrant; conversations have occurred with United Airlines concerning pilot shortage and continuing effects of COVID-19; Subway continues to have challenges with staffing and hours that are not consistent.

Chair Vala reported that according to Senator Duckworth, Senator Durbin and Representative LaHood, United Airlines will be suspending one flight in Springfield due to pilot shortages and continuing negative effects of the pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary