

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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, August 15, 2017, in the Conference Room at the Authority's offices at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair
Herman Bodewes, Vice Chair
Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner
Mike Houston, Commissioner
Mike Meyer, Commissioner
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer
R. Beverly Peters, Secretary
Jim Lestikow, Attorney
Mark Hanna, Executive Director
Ken Boyle, Director of Admin & Finance
Roger Blickensderfer, Director of Facilities & Maintenance
Tim Franke, Director of Operations & Public Safety

ABSENT: Rod Egizii, Commissioner
Eric Hansen, Commissioner

VISITORS: Randy Vogel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Robert & Margaret Harris, Tenants

Visitor Robert Harris addressed the Board concerning the property they rent at 2306 Wilbur Road. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris addressed the Board with concerns about the property as Mrs. Harris has contracted a lung disease that has not yet been named. Mr. Harris, "Good evening, we are Margaret Ann and Robert L. Harris. We ask that the following summary and comments be included in the minutes of the Board meeting. We have rented our home at 2306 Wilbur Road from the Springfield Airport Authority, SAA, for ten years. On 7/27/17 the SAA notified us our lease is terminated effective 8/26/17. On 5/15/17, Margaret Ann began a number of chest x-rays that resulted in a diagnosis of diffuse parenchymal lung disease of unclear

ideology on 6/27/17. This diagnosis is an interstitial lung disease an ILD with at least 130 potential diseases. Which of these diseases she has is still undetermined. Delay in identification will impact her type of surgery, treatment and prognosis. On 7/13/17 we received two radon test results 5.2 and 5.4 respectively. Any reading above 4.0 is cause for concern. On 7/14 at 9 p.m. we identified suspected asbestos insulation over the heating and cooling returns in the basement and furnace room and much other exposed insulation of unknown origin in the basement rafters. On 7/15 we notified the SAA of Margaret Ann's ILD and concerns for the radon and asbestos and asbestos and continued to stay in residence for fear of safety obtained. The SAA advised they would refer to an asbestos abatement specialist. We are sleeping at our son's home and visited the home daily for mail, garbage, newspaper, bathing, laundry, retrieve food, clothing and communication via phone and internet. Since notice of the termination we have commenced moving activity. We wear masks, do not stay for more than ten minutes at a time and do not run the HVAC. 7/19 five SAA staff inspect the home for our concerns. I discussed with him in detail our concerns for radon, asbestos and mold, see pictures attached. I requested the SAA provide a specific assessment and plan of correction. 7/21 in the a.m. we phoned SAA for specific plan, received voice mail, no response by 1 p.m. We now believe that an independent assessment of the environment may be necessary. At 1:30 we went unannounced to the SAA administrative office and met with Nancy Bussing and Ken Boyle. We requested the SAA plan of correction so we could return to reside in our home and requested permission to conduct an independent assessment of the environment for our concerns. We were told the SAA was reviewing the information with their attorney who would not be available until 7/24 and that Mrs. Bussing and Mr. Boyle could not authorize our request for an independent assessment and the SAA would look after its best interest. We requested on 7/24 we would be advised of the SAA plan of correction and decision for our request for permission to conduct an independent assessment. Margaret Ann explained her serious medical diagnosis and prompt assessment would be helpful in identifying if any manifestations are present to assist prompt decisions regarding accurate

diagnosis and the best decision for surgery treatment. 7/24 no response from SAA. 7/25 9:30 called SAA for corrective plan and our request for independent assessment. We were advised that day to meet at 2:30 to discuss with their attorney. 7/25 3:45 phone call from Ken Boyle of SAA who stated Nancy Bussing was present. He stated SAA needed to protect against liability. Liability would not allow our request for an independent environmental assessment. He offered no plan by the SAA to address our safety concerns. He stated the decision to stay in the home belonged to us. I responded to Mr. Boyle, had observed the safety items and conditions and inquired if he would allow his family to reside there or would Mr. Mark Hanna, airport director, who lived in the home prior to our tenure would allow his family to reside there. Mr. Boyle stated they are not qualified to assess asbestos. I stated neither are we. I inquired of Mr. Boyle was stating the SAA's position is that the home is safe. He said he is not. 7/27 Nancy Bussing delivered a letter dated 7/26 to us. Mr. Boyle directed that our lease was terminated 8/26. Margaret Ann will finish the statement." Mrs. Harris, "I am 70 years. I now find myself with lung disease of unclear ideology. I am trying to obtain the best diagnosis to determine the most appropriate surgery, treatment and prognosis. Wading through the medical process that is not expeditious for a second opinion. Worry that others in my family may have lung disease now or in the future, loss of a home I care for, stress of a move and finding a home in 30 days. The SAA has taken our rent and will not verify the home is safe. The radon tests point to a known risk. The insulation of black paper made by Johns Mansville for a home built circa 1965 is highly suspect for asbestos and its location over the warm and cold air returns is of extreme worry as this the amount of exposed insulation without identification or assessment. The potential for mold in the basement and eaves should be evidence in the pictures. The SAA's date delay and failure to properly assess the issues or allow us to assess them is an urgent matter of life and death for me. The costs on all fronts is overwhelming. We believe that 2306 Wilbur Road is a sick building and that the SAA as landlords is responsible for ensuring that uninhabitable conditions are not permitted. Furthermore, we reported our concerns to the SAA and our lease was promptly

terminated. We believe this was an egregious retaliatory act by the SAA. We cannot say that the conditions at 2306 Wilbur Road have contributed to my ILD. We pray that they have not. We can say that conditions without assessment will require that we and others who have lived in the home look over our shoulders for the rest of our lives wondering if they did or will negatively impact our health and lives. On 7/15 the SAA made the right decision to work with us and refer the matter to an asbestos abatement specialist. Surely the SAA will do so after we have been removed. It is not too late to do the right thing. Please do it now. Thank you.”

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Budget Hearing of July 18, 2017. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing of July 18, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2017. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Treasurer Kinnaman gave the Treasurer’s Report, Director of Admin & Finance Ken Boyle gave the Comptroller’s Report and Commissioner Houston presented the Finance Chair Report.

Chair Vala gave an update on the construction projects.

Chair Vala discussed the Hangar 4 and 5 drainage and parking lot improvements project and asked for a made a motion to approve the low bid by Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc. in the amount of \$123,500 and authorize the Executive Director to sign any project agreements/documents and authorize periodic payments to the contractor and engineer during construction. Commissioner Houston made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Chair Vala discussed the rehabilitation of the perimeter access roads, Phase 2, and asked for a motion to concur with IDOT-Division of Aeronautics and approve the low bid in the amount of \$2,723,631.90 submitted by Illinois Valley Paving and authorize the Executive Director to sign any project agreements and other related documents. Commissioner Houston made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bodewes and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a slight decrease in year-to-date passenger activity for the first eight months of this calendar year compared to last year.

Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of July were 147,797 gallons with revenue of \$17,560. Total gallons were down compared to the previous year.

Executive Director Hanna noted that he had a lengthy meeting with Knight Engineers concerning the FBO project bid and plans will soon be ready for construction bidding purposes.

Topics discussed by Executive Director Hanna were the suggested date for the LLCC ribbon cutting and open house is October 25th, Congressman LaHood will be visiting the airport on September 1st, and also Standard Aero has asked us to arrange a meeting with the Congressman, the next construction phase of the terminal modernization program has been advertised for and August 22nd bid opening, and the possible termination of the SPI TRACON by the FAA.

Chair Vala informed the Board that the October Board meeting has been changed to October 24, 2017.

Chairman Vala asked for a motion to close the open meeting at 5:36 p.m. and open a closed meeting in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the Airport Authority has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Airport Authority finds that an action is probable or imminent, moved by Commissioner Houston and seconded by Commissioner Hardwick. There was no discussion and the motion carried with a voice vote. Chairman Vala indicated the open meeting of August 15, 2017 was closed.

Chairman Vala indicated the open meeting of August 15, 2017, was reopened at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner Bodewes made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Meyer and carried with a roll call vote of 5/ayes and 0/nays.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary