

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Airport Authority was called to order by Chair Vala at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, in the Conference Room at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair
Mike Meyer, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner
Tim Franke, Commissioner
Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner
Mike Houston, Commissioner
Susan R. Shea, 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
* Attended via Conference Call

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Bonnie Drew, City of Springfield
Nancy Bahre

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 7 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.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to authorize the Executive Director and legal counsel, where applicable, with the concurrence of the Authority Board Chair, to execute all

grants and related documents during FY 2021, and notify the Board at the next monthly meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to transfer \$190,467 from Operations & Maintenance to Workers' Compensation & Post Employment Benefit Fund, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to adopt the Springfield Airport Authority Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2021 and authorize the Board Chair to execute, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to adopt the Springfield Airport Authority FY 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance for Taxes Received in Calendar 2021 for the Authority's FY 2022, and authorize the Board Chair to execute, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Delheimer reported that Donald Digiori and Mike George, who lease the space known as the Air Combat Museum, have asked the lease to be amended to assign the lease to Mr. George as Mr. Digiori is no longer active in their airport business operations. Commissioner Delheimer made a motion to approve the Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement between Donald Digiori, Mike George and the Springfield Airport Authority and authorize the Board Chair to sign and execute said document, seconded by Commissioner Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes/0 nays/1 recuse (Meyer).

Commissioner Delheimer reported that Mike George would like to lease up to another 21,600 square feet in order to construct two additions, one on the north side of the current hangar and one on the east side for ramp and building access/egress. Effective date is to be no later than October. Commissioner Delheimer made a motion to approve Lease Amendment #2 between Mike George and the Springfield Airport Authority and authorize the Board Chair to execute, seconded by Commissioner Shea and carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes/0 nays/1 recuse (Meyer).

Chair Vala gave an update on the construction projects.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a decrease of 46% in year-to-date passenger activity compared to last year due to the effects of COVID-19.

Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of June were 54,593 gallons with revenue of \$7,829. Total gallons for fiscal year 2020 were down 14.4%. Revenue for the fiscal year was down 15.4% decrease.

Executive Director Hanna provided updates on the runway 4/22 project, the fencing and drainage project and the 18/26 project. Mr. Hanna discussed some general trends in passenger bookings nationwide as the effects of COVID 19 continue to cause uncertainty in consumer behavior and airline operations. American Airlines and United Airlines have now resumed a twice daily schedule; Hertz has declared bankruptcy, future is unknown but some markets may be temporarily closed; work is beginning on preparing for the audit; Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance contribution to be considered at next months' meeting with resolution being made at that time.

Chair Vala asked for public comments. Visitor Bonnie Drew representing Mayor Langfelder stated she would like to put forth Nancy Bahre to be a representative as Comptroller. Chair Vala explained to her that she is not a member of the board, and that the Chair will address that issue when it comes up on the agenda.

Chair Vala read the following statement: "With almost 18 years serving on this Board, 14 of those years serving as Chair, I want to thank all the past and present board members for their cooperation and involvement in the growth and development of Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. When I was appointed, this airport did not even have Abraham Lincoln included in its official name, the only entrance was a dangerous crossover, buildings were in disrepair, and the parking lot full of holes. We never had a workable jet bridge or handicapped bathrooms or a classroom for Lincoln Land School of Aviation and with Susan Shea's effort we even have directional signs on our state roads. The upgrades and road improvements along with a solid

financial base are accomplishments that we have done with full cooperation of my fellow board members. We can all hold our heads high. I don't know of any other government body that can make that claim. I am grateful to Mark Hanna and his staff for all the time and outstanding effort that they have contributed to this effort. Without their dedication I believe we would not be where we are.

On a personal note I would like to say that during my term as Chair I have not taken any of the monthly stipend offered to the Board nor have I charged any storage fee for the Abraham Lincoln statue that will be going on display in the airport. In conclusion, I want the Board to know that the decision to replace me was a political move by the Mayor and I caution you to watch the airport money because Langfelder in six years has taken a multi-million dollar reserve and turned it into a large City government debt and will be looking to see how much airport money he can get his hands on to cover his mismanagement of City finances.”

Commissioner Houston made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 7/ayes and 0/nays.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary