

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, March 16, 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, March 16, 2021, in the Conference Room at the Authority's offices at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PRESENT: Frank J. Vala, Chair
Elizabeth Delheimer, Commissioner*
Tim Franke, Commissioner*
Dianne Hardwick, Commissioner
Mike Houston, Commissioner*
Susan R. Shea, Commissioner*
Mark Kinnaman, Treasurer*
R. Beverly Peters, Secretary*
Russell Reed, Attorney (on behalf of Jim Lestikow)
Mark Hanna, Executive Director
Ken Boyle, Deputy Executive Director
Roger Blickensderfer, Director of Facilities & Maintenance
* Attended remotely via telephone or video conference

ABSENT: Jim Lestikow, Attorney

VISITORS: None

Chair Vala reported to the Board that just in case any of the Board members do not understand why Mike Meyers is no longer on the Board, Mike has been harassed and lied to by the Langfelder administration and so Mike decided he is not going to tolerate those things, therefore, he has submitted his resignation even though his term is solid until August 22, 2022. So we do have a vacancy because Mike tendered a resignation under duress.

Chair Vala asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021. Commissioner Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes/0 nays.

Treasurer Kinnaman gave the Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Commissioner Houston, Deputy Executive Director Ken Boyle presented the Finance Chair Report.

Commissioner Houston joined the meeting at this point and continued with the Finance Chair Report.

Chair Vala addressed Commissioner Franke and asked him why he, as an appointee of Mayor Langfelder, has not presented any economic development reports since joining the Board, when Mayor Langfelder wrote a letter to the Chair about his concern for economic growth and the airport. Commissioner Franke gave insight on his duties and asked if the Board would be interested in attending a Board retreat to discuss goals and objectives.

Chair Vala gave an update on the construction projects.

Commissioner Hardwick reported a 55% decrease in year-to-date passenger activity compared to last year. The decrease is a result of the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Hardwick reported that fuel sales for the month of February were 80,761 gallons with revenue of \$10,083. Airline gallons along with military contract fuel remained steady compared to the previous month with retail Jet fuel sales trending higher.

Commissioner Hardwick reported the aircraft ground power unit used by the Passenger Services staff is being recommended to be replaced. Commissioner Hardwick made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Aero Specialties TLD GPU-409-E-CUP-28 in the amount of \$70,612.68 and authorize the Executive Director to execute this agreement and all other related documents, seconded by Commissioner Houston and carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes/0 nays.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to acquire and install a self-fueling system for AVGAS/100LL to be located at SAA's Charlie Ramp and to approve the low bid in the amount of \$193,721.78 submitted by R.L. Vollintine Const. Inc. and authorize the Executive Director to sign any project agreements/documents and authorize periodic payments during construction, seconded by Commissioner Hardwick and carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes/0 nays.

Executive Director Hanna reported a WWII B25 Bomber will be at the airport August 16-20; Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is planning to schedule five flights between July-November; the Air Traffic Control Tower will return to normal operating hours at the end of March; articles

from Commissioner Houston and in various industry trade publications indicated air travel in the first two weeks of March 2020 was at 57% of previous year's level, still down 53%; we have received notification that \$1,069,849 of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) funds has been approved for SPI and we are anticipating additional funds from the American Recovery Plan; with cooperation with the Springfield-Sangamon Growth Alliance, numerous local CEO's sent letters to our airline CEO's thanking them for their continued service to SPI during this time; Small Community Air Service Development Grant application has been submitted; staff will be meeting with an aviation development firm and a local developer about future development in the Commerce Park;

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Frank J. Vala, Chair

R. Beverly Peters, Secretary