

Rock County, Wisconsin



Airport Board Meeting - Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Terminal Conference Room
1716 W. Airport Rd.
Janesville, WI 53546

Call to Order. Chair Fox called the meeting of the Airport Board to order at 8:01 a.m.

Airport Board Members Present. Supervisors Fox, Mawhinney and Richard, Mr. Eric Baker, Mr. Larry Barton, Mr. Dick Cope, Mr. Greg Johnson, Mr. Joe Quint, and Mrs. Katie Reese.

Members Absent. None.

Staff Members: Greg Cullen Airport Director
Cynthia Hevel Airport Specialist
Terri Carlson Rock County Risk Manager

Others Present: Rick Leyes T-hangar Tenant
Russ Podzilni Chair, Rock County Board of Supervisors
Coral Swanson League of Women Voters
Bonnie Cooksey Janesville Jet Center
Jim Dillavou SC Aviation
William Gempeler Interested Citizen
Jim Freeman Helicopter Specialties

Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Mawhinney and Mr. Cope moved the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2019. Mr. Cope and Mr. Barton moved the minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, and Information. None.

Consent Calendar

Transfers. None

Review of Payments. The review for November was completed.

Updates, Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion/Possible Action – Set Lease and T-hangar Rates for 2020. Supervisor Fox stated that as he is a tenant and has a conflict of interest with this item, he was turning the meeting over to Vice-Chair Mawhinney. Mr. Quint, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Reese, and Mr. Baker also agreed that they must abstain

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from discussion and voting on this item as they are all tenants of the airport which creates a conflict of interest. Mr. Barton moved the item for discussion and Supervisor Richard Seconded it. T-hangar tenant Mr. Leyes stated that he wanted to bring up three points to the Board in opposition to an increase and proceeded to outline his reasons why the Board should not approve the increase. Discussion on Mr. Leyes' points took place and counter points were discussed. Mr. Cullen, stated that the CPI data indicates that a 1.8 percent increase could be requested this year and he is only asking for a 1 percent increase. Discussion on the airport's t-hangar rent in relation to other airports took place and it was stated that this airport offers more amenities than other large general aviation airports.

Mr. Barton made a motion to approve a 1 percent increase in land lease and t-hangar rates for 2020 and Supervisor Richard Seconded it. Adopted on a roll call vote with the following: Ayes – Supervisors Mawhinney and Richard, Mr. Barton and Mr. Cope. Noes – 0. Abstained – Supervisor Fox, Mr. Baker, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Quint and Mrs. Reese. Vice-Chair Mawhinney turned the meeting back over to Chair Fox.

Part 139 Inspection Results. Mr. Cullen reported to the Board that the Part 139 Inspection that took place on November 21 and 22 went very well. This year we received only two non-compliant deficiencies and both were related to fueling issues. At our last inspection there were 14 so this is a huge improvement. The inspector did offer two recommendations. One is to begin planning for a future snow removal equipment and aircraft rescue and firefighting building to support our equipment. Mr. Cullen stated that last week several University of Platteville students presented a design for a combined ARFF building to himself, Mr. Graczykowski from the Bureau of Aeronautics and members of the City of Janesville Fire Department. This was done as a school project but they did a great job. The city has stated in the past that they could probably fund their portion of the building, but would be unable to fund staffing, so this is an unlikely project.

Mr. Cullen also reported that there are some items the inspector thought should be addressed before our next inspection that include painting runway 04/22, removing lead in lines on runway 14/32, adding some signage to service roads, addressing some agricultural encroachments, removing a grove of trees NW of the tower and updating some checklists.

Committee Requests and Motions. Mr. Barton stated that he would like the subject of derelict aircraft on the next agenda. He feels that the piper on the east side of the airport has been there far too long and he wants this matter addressed. Mr. Cullen stated that he will talk to Corporation Counsel and we will put it on the next Agenda.

Next Meeting Date. The next meeting of the Airport Board will be Monday, January 20, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Mawhinney and Richard moved to adjourn at 8:28 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Hevel
Airport Specialist