



# ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

*Airport - Highways - Parks*

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## Public Works Committee Minutes

August 22, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.

Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport - Voyager Room  
1716 W. Airport Rd.  
Janesville, WI 53546

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent. None

Staff Members:

Ron Burdick	Airport Director
Cynthia Hevel	Airport Specialist

Others Present:

Rick Leyes	Airport Tenant T-hangar 29
Remy Konitzer	Airport Tenant T-hangar 60
Bonnie Cooksey	Janesville Jet Center

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2017. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved to approve the minutes. MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie discussed her attendance at the Wisconsin County Highway Association Board of Director's meeting in Wausau. She said it was a really good meeting and there was some discussion on airports.

Mr. Burdick told the Committee that Mr. Dean Heimermann, who had requested variances at the July meeting, is no longer purchasing the hangar on the airport as the current owners took it off the market. He also stated that he had spoken with the City of Janesville Fire Department regarding one of the issues that was discussed in July, hot fueling. While new NFPA standards allow hot fueling, the State of Wisconsin has not yet adopted the new standards, so at this time, the JFD would discourage hot fueling.

## AIRPORT BUSINESS

Update on Runway and Taxiway Relighting Project. Mr. Burdick stated that the State signed the finding on funding so that money is available, however, he spoke with the FAA on Friday and the federal funding has still not been released. This is what we are waiting for to move forward. Mr. Leyes asked why this project was necessary and Mr. Burdick told him that the underground cables

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are more than 20 years old and testing has shown they are in bad shape, there have already been instances where due to winter weather, whole sections of the system have failed. The lights are being replaced with LEDs because they are brighter than incandescent and more efficient to run and maintain. It is more cost effective to replace the entire system at one same time.

Update on ARFF Vehicle Replacement. Mr. Burdick stated that during his conversation with the FAA on Friday, he was told that they have issued the grant for this project, but the state has not yet received it. As soon as the Bureau of Aeronautics receives the grant funds, they will award the bid. The build for this vehicle is 365 days so we will not take delivery until probably September of 2018.

Review/Discuss 2018 Proposed Projects. Mr. Burdick went over the 2018 proposed capital projects that were included on the list that was provided in the Agenda. (Copy attached to these minutes.) Some discussion on the various projects took place. Mr. Burdick stated that these projects are what is included in the 2018 Budget request, but the budget is not completed or approved.

Supervisor Bussie requested that at the next meeting a tour of the Operations and Maintenance Building and the old T-hangars be conducted. Mr. Burdick replied that he will put it on the September Agenda.

Event Updates: Air Power History Tour. Mr. Burdick stated that the WWII B-29 Bomber "FiFi" was here for two weeks. One week was for maintenance and the other was for tours. Not all of the planes that were scheduled to be here showed up, but there was a steady stream of people who came to tour it and for rides.

Event Updates: Sonic Boom. Mr. Burdick reported that the FAA has approved a temporary cell tower during the event. There will be a security meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Airport Accounts Receivables. There were no tenants on the aging report and only one landing in the 120 day column.

Next Meeting Date. Due to some conflicts, the next meeting will be a week earlier than normal on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to adjourn at 9:02 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Hevel  
Airport Specialist