



## ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### Public Works Committee – Airport Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.

Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport – Voyager Room

1716 W. Airport Road, 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 Bussie, Driscoll, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold

Staff Members:

Randy Terronez	Assistant to the County Administrator
Phil Owens	County Board Supervisor
Greg Cullen	Interim Airport Manager
Cynthia Hevel	Airport Specialist

Others Present:

Rick Leyes	T-Hangar Tenant
David Haas	Jetson Aviation
James Dillavou	SC Aviation
Bonnie Cooksey	Janesville Jet Center

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Mr. Rick Leyes announced that Mr. Nick Quint who owned and operated Blackhawk Aircraft Maintenance with his son Joe for many, many years passed away last week. Mr. Quint was a very talented aircraft mechanic and a recipient of the FAA's Charles Taylor Master Mechanic award.

### **AIRPORT BUSINESS**

Discussion and Possible Action – Sublease between King Capital JJC Hangar, LLC and Highway Light and Landscape, Inc. – Mr. Cullen explained that the contractor for the runway lighting project needed substantial storage space for equipment during the project. The airport was not able to accommodate their need for space so they approached King Capital JJC Hangar and worked out an agreement for Highway Light to lease hangar space at 1703 W. Airport Rd. on a temporary basis. King Capital's lease does allow for this with Committee approval. Mr. Richard asked if there was any additional cost to the airport and Mr. Cullen replied that there is not. Supervisor Fox moved to approve the sublease and Supervisor Driscoll seconded it. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Allow FAA Study Extending Innovation Dr. through URPZ to State Highway 51. Mr. Cullen explained that the City of Janesville wants to provide additional access to the development area where Dollar General recently built their distribution center. This has been in on-going discussions since before he started here five months ago. Mr. Cullen explained that the RPZ is an area of land that protects the approaches of runways and the URPZ stands for “Ultimate Runway Protection Zone.” This is an area of land that protects the runway for potential future expansion. The proposed road expansion would cut through the airport’s URPZ. This land was purchased with Federal and State funding. To allow this road to go through there would have to be studies and a land release. This matter was discussed at the Airport Ad Hoc Committee and it was recommended that the Public Works Committee discuss and decide whether or not to allow the FAA to commence a study that may result in the land release. Mr. Cullen stated that he mixed feelings about this matter, but that ultimately, for the greater good, and because the airport already has two ILS approaches and is unlikely to get a third, he would support giving this to the FAA for a study.

Supervisor Fox stated that as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, a user of the airport and an aviation enthusiast, he is protective of the land. However, he does not envision an additional ILS either and does not see the harm in forwarding this to the FAA for consideration.

Additional discussion on the potential for future expansion of Runway 04/22, what would be involved in such an expansion and the effect of the proposed road took place. Some questions were asked and answered regarding the time frame of such a study, housing in the area and future obstructions.

Supervisor Fox made a motion to allow the State and FAA study the proposed Innovation Drive expansion. Supervisor Driscoll seconded it. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion – Derelict Aircraft. Mr. Cullen explained that since he started here five months ago, there have been several aircraft that have not been moved. The airport’s Rules and Regulations allow the airport to take action in order to have these aircraft removed. Mr. Cullen would like the Committee’s approval to begin the process of getting these aircraft removed. Supervisor Fox asked if they were paying any kind of parking or tie down fees. Mr. Cullen stated that they do not. They are in the way of airport operations during snow removal.

Discussion on the specific aircraft in question took place. One of the planes has been in place so long that it has actually sunk into the asphalt. The Committee expressed support of Mr. Cullen taking steps to have these aircraft owners removed them.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds. Supervisors Bussie and Driscoll moved the Resolution. This is a standard yearly application. MOTION CARRIED

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Next Meeting Date. The next Airport meeting will be on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Supervisor Bussie stated that she would like to have the airport tour removed from the Agenda as there will be new County Board Supervisors and she would like to have them offered the opportunity to attend the airport tour.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved to adjourn at 8:29 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Hevel  
Airport Specialist