



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee Minutes

July 25, 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
James Dillavou	SC Aviation
Dean Heimermann	Countryside Aviation
Joe Quint	Blackhawk Aircraft Maintenance
Remy Konitzer	Airport Tenant T-hangar 60
Jim Freeman	Helicopter Specialties
Robert Logan	Janesville Jet Center
Bonnie Cooksey	Janesville Jet Center
Alex Smith	Airport Tenant

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Fox Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. NONE

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action – Request for variances from Airport Minimum Standards from Countryside Aviation LLC. Supervisor Fox made a motion to discuss the request and Supervisor Bussie seconded it. Mr. Burdick mentioned that Dean Heimermann from Countryside Aviation had written a letter (included in the Agenda package) requesting several variances from the airport's minimum standards and asked Mr. Heimermann to explain to the committee what he is asking for and why.

Mr. Heimermann explained that he feels that the minimum standards are written for a more FBO like business than his is and that in his business, he really does not have his customers at his hangar. The hangar is a storage facility for his aircraft and equipment. All of his interaction with

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customers is done via the internet. Because of that he doesn't feel that he needs public restrooms or a waiting area.

Supervisor Fox said that his primary concern was Mr. Heimermann's request for a variance on the fuel storage and asked if Mr. Heimermann would still have an underground storage tank. Mr. Heimermann discussed the problems associated with using an FBO for fueling such as hours of operation and inability for single point fueling. He also stated that if he puts in a storage tank he would like it to be a double walled above ground system. Supervisor Fox stated that there is a long history of allowing only below ground systems and he doesn't think that the Committee is going to budge on this issue.

Mr. Burdick stated that this policy was established a long time ago by the Public Works Committee and the County's Health Department after taking a long look at information about both types of systems.

Robert Logan from Janesville Jet Center stated that they don't mind more fuel on the field, but they want the standards to be adhered to. They have two Jet A trucks with single point fueling and he feels that they can accommodate Mr. Heimermann's needs, but it will come with a cost. He understands that, that cost is high to Mr. Heimermann.

Supervisor Bussie stated that she is concerned with the request for a variance on the insurance requirements. Mr. Logan stated that he believes Mr. Heimermann's request is for a variance from environmental insurance. Mr. Heimermann stated that he does not understand the request for EPA insurance. It's seems to be a new thing in the last year; in the last 20 years, he has never had to have EPA insurance. In talking with his insurance agent, it would be almost impossible to obtain this insurance.

Supervisor Fox stated that he does not mind the variance from the office space but that he does have a problem with the fuel storage request.

Supervisor Richard stated that he thinks it is important to support economic activity at the airport and that a middle ground needs to be reached. Supervisor Driscoll agreed with Supervisor Richard regarding supporting economic activity, but feels that the fuel storage is a big issue.

Supervisor Fox stated that he feels Mr. Heimermann's business is somewhat different and he is open to some of the variance requests. The Committee asked Mr. Heimermann to talk with Mr. Burdick and the FBO and see if some kind of an agreement regarding the aircraft fueling could be reached and bring these matters back to the committee at a future date.

Mr. Heimermann asked if there are any agricultural operations allowed on the airport and Mr. Burdick responded that if they follow the rules and purchase fuels appropriately, they are allowed.

NO ACTION

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Project Updates: Runway and Taxiway Relighting Projects. Mr. Burdick stated that while state funding has been released, federal funding has still not been distributed. Because of the delay in funding and part availability, the project will probably not start until next spring.

Project Updates: ARFF Truck. Mr. Burdick said that there were two bids on this project and that there was a \$50,000 difference between the two bids. Rosenbauer out of Minnesota was the less expensive bid, but they did not like the standard penalties clauses put in place by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics, crossed them off and wrote in their own penalties. This caused the Bureau to throw out the bid and award it to Oshkosh Corp. The total cost is \$680,296. We are waiting on funds for this project as well and since this is a 365 day build, we will not take delivery until next year.

Airport Accounts Receivables. Mr. Burdick commented that there are no past due landings in the 120 day column and the only tenant on the list is late on their July rent.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to adjourn at 8:39 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Hevel
Airport Specialist