Public Works Committee Minutes Friday, September 30, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. 1716 West Airport Road - Suite 120 Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport - Janesville WI

<u>Call to Order</u>. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:35 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Diestler, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Fox

Staff Members:

Ron Burdick

Airport Director

Cynthia Hevel

Account Clerk II

Others Present:

Bonnie Cooksey, Janesville Jet Center

Dave Homan, T-hangar Tenant Sandy Homan, T-hangar Tenant

Robert Logan, SB King

Tom Morgan, Southern Wisconsin AirFEST

<u>Approval of Agenda</u>. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the agenda, deleting Items 6a and 7c, MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2011</u>. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.</u>
Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved voucher 9079 in the amount of \$35,000.00 to WISDOT for Project 29, Taxiway A Reconstruction. Discussion regarding how the State of Wisconsin invoices for projects took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Tom Morgan discussed the 2011 AirFEST event and stated that attendance was down and that the Wisconsin Aviation Academy's other fundraiser events had not been successful. He asked if it would be possible for the Wisconsin Aviation Academy to sell pumpkins on airport property along Hwy 51 for four consecutive Saturdays in October and possibly a couple of weeknights. He has checked with the City of Janesville and no special permit is required. The Committee discussed his request. Some concerns were expressed about the possibility of this setting a precedent and liability issues. Ron Burdick stated that he would check with the Corporation Counsel regarding these issues and if Committee action is needed, will put it on the next meeting in October for action.

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Discussion on the ribbon-cutting event at Carver-Roehl Park on October 2, 2011 took place. Chair Yankee asked about the 2012-2016 Capital Improvement plan and the \$600,000 slated for 80/20 funding for the t-hangar area. Mr. Burdick stated that, that was a mistake, that project is 100% county funded. Mr. Burdick will inform Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator of the mistake.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

2011 Project Updates:

<u>Update on Reconstruction/Remodel of Terminal Building.</u> Ron stated that the 2nd bid for the project was over budget, and the project is now out for bid a third time. The bid opening will be October 13th. There have been some changes to the plan and the project timeline that will keep the project within the 3.2 million dollar range. If there is no acceptable bid this time, this project will go to another architect. Mr. Homan asked if the pilot facilities were still in the plan and Ron replied yes. Supervisor Diestler asked if the outside materials had changed and Ron answered no.

<u>Update on Reconstruction of Taxiway "A".</u> Mr. Burdick reported that this project is underway and is moving quickly. The first layer of pavement should be finished this morning and they should be paving by Regal Beloit tomorrow. The project is ahead of schedule but the whole taxiway will be relit with LED lighting fixtures and they have not come in. The manufacturer of the fixtures says that they will be in on time. Ron reports that with the exception of landscaping, this project should be finished by the end of October. Mr. Homan asked if the new lights would have a delay in brightness and Ron said they should be instantaneous.

Report on Wildlife Trainer's Course Ron stated that Part 139 Regulations require yearly training for hazardous wildlife. This course is 8 hours and is basically a repeat every year. There is a push to try and get this training changed to bi-annual. This year the training was in Rhinelander. One interesting point was that he found out that most airports have given up pyrotechnics as a form of harassment. Currently the biggest problems are Red Tailed Hawks and geese. Ron informed the committee that the wildlife plan is almost complete. Ron also mentioned that there is an active eagles nest off the approach end of Runway 04 and the airport can do nothing about it. Chair Yankee asked if this training could be done over the Internet and Ron replied that it could not as the training must be done in

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person by a wildlife biologist. Mr. Homan asked if we could put out poison peanuts to kill the gopher population. This would eliminate the food source for the hawks. Ron said that he would have to see what the wildlife plan recommends, but he believes it will consist mostly of harassment.

<u>Airport Accounts Receivables.</u> The report was distributed and discussion took place on overdue accounts.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

<u>Adjournment.</u> Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved adjournment at 9:30 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Hevel Account Clerk II