



APPROVED MINUTES
IOWA COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING HELD
Thursday February 17, 2022 – 6pm
Health and Human Services Community Room
303 W Chapel Street
Dodgeville, WI

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1	Meeting called to order by Deal at 6pm
2	Roll Call – Christen, Sup. Storti, Sup. Masters, Meives, Sup. Deal, Sup. Benish. Also Present Highway Commissioner Hardy, Airport Manager Langbecker, Holbrook (BOA Engineer), Taylor Kohls, Evan Barrett and Mike Runde (Mead and Hunt) and Richard Jinkins. Present on Zoom: Sup. Meek (6:02PM), Meives, and Andy Lange.
3	Approve the meeting agenda for 2/17/22. Motion by Benish to approve the agenda, second by Masters. Passes unanimously
4	Approve the minutes of the 2/10/22 meeting. Motion by Storti to amend the attendance to include Andy Lange and approve the minutes, second by Benish. Passes unanimously
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken No reports from committee or public.
6	Review Airport Layout Plan and Public Hearing Comments Benish makes a motion to approve the Airport Layout Plan as presented by Mead & Hunt during the public hearing, second by Storti. Passes unanimously
7	Discuss Capital Improvement Plan priorities for 2023-2027 Hardy presents a summary of improvements which could be completed as a result of the Airport Layout Plan update on page 3 of the agenda packet. Hardy notes that the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill provides an additional \$159k in funding each of the next 5 years. In addition to the annual entitlement funds Iowa County Airport is poised to receive nearly \$1.7 million for improvements. Hardy describes what he sees as top priorities including taxiways, tie down areas, hangar sites and hangars, and the acquisition of property north of the airport. Storti inquires the size of the acquisition; Hardy notes between 24 and 36 acres. Some discussion of eligibility for use of federal funds and advantages to using local funds for land acquisition. Christen inquires if it is still under the same ownership as 10 years ago; Hardy indicates he is unsure, however there are many means available for the county to acquire the property. Hardy invites feedback on the priorities from the commission. Benish wonders if a decision must be made tonight as this is fresh information for him. Hardy responds WisDOT BOA will be looking for a plan to utilize all of the potential revenues / funding being provided. And, if the intent is to utilize the funding coming to Iowa County, he would like to see the commission make a motion to indicate their preferences for use of the funds. Deal inquires if this covers the sewer and water projects discussed at prior meetings, Hardy indicates ARPA money is being used for those projects, which are scheduled for completion in 2022. Masters indicates he likes Hardy's priorities and inquires how important reducing congestion at the fuel farm is. Christen indicates he would like to see the hangar owned by Jinkins removed to allow movement from all sides of the current fuel farm, Deal agrees. Benish indicates group 1 of the priorities

	looks good to him. Hardy indicates if approved the plan does not have to be completed in the order listed and that it encompasses \$2.2 million in improvement with only \$1.7 million in funding expected. Hardy indicates that new snow removal equipment is planned for 2022 and that he will work with Holbrook to establish a priority list of the items found in group 1. Masters inquires if land acquisition would need to go through the county board. Hardy indicates the capital plan will go through the Long Range Planning Committee's April meeting, then be passed to the county board for 2023 budgeting priorities. The intent would be for Long Range Planning to review the acquisition and place it in the 6-year plan. Masters wants to ensure that all the appropriate measures are followed when considering acquiring land. Hardy comments as a minimum the County has to follow the eminent domain procedures in state statute. Hardy notes the 5% local match for the \$1.7 million in funding is \$85k and that the airport already has that funding available in its operating and capital expense funds if needed. Benish makes a motion to approve the pursuit of snow removal equipment in 2022 and approve of the pursuit of group 1 priorities into a 5-year capital plan, second by Masters. Passes unanimously
8	Highway Commissioners Report; Hardy has no report, but suggest the next meeting will most likely occur after the elections in April.
9	Airport Manager's Update; Langbecker has no report, but thanks the commission for its support of the airport and its continued improvements.
10	Airport Chair Report – Deal thanks everyone for their participation. Deal notes it is Benish's last meeting and thanks him for his great service to the commission.
11	Adjournment. Next meeting to be determined by the chair. Motion by Storti to adjourn at 6:30, second by Benish. Motion passes unanimously.
Minutes prepared by Adam Langbecker; Gone Flyin Aviation	