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Tri-County Airport Meeting

When: October 31, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Spring Green Town Hall, E4411 Kennedy Rd., Spring Green, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Marshall with Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Lins, Commissioner Riek, Commissioner Storti, Commissioner Williamson, Richland County Highway Commissioner Roger Petrick, Sauk County Highway Commissioner Patrick Gavinski and Marc Higgs present. Also present were tenants from the airport and local landowners. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Riek. The motion carried.

Item #5: Election of Officers. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Commissioner Riek nominated Commissioner Lins for Chairman. The motion passed with all voting in favor. Commissioner Marshall nominated Commissioner Deal for vice Chairman. . The motion passed with all voting in favor. Commissioner Marshall nominated Commissioner Williamson for Secretary. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

Item #6: Scheduled Appearances. None

Item#7: Public Comment. Members of the local community and airport tenants spoke to the importance of solving the flooding issue.

Item#8: Communications. None

Item#9: Discussion on and paying of bills and vouchers.

Income received: \$1,425.00

Invoices paid: \$11,545.60

The income was from rent. The expense was utilities, postage, repair to the well pump at the terminal, payment to Rose Landscaping for cleaning out ½ mile of the roadway ditch on the south side of County Highway JJ, and property insurance. Commissioner Riek made a motion to pay bills and vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. The motion carried.

Item#10: Managers report. Marc reported on the ongoing flood issues and airport operations. Three tenants have vacated the airport due to the flooding but two new tenants moved in. The South side of the airport is still operational but the terminal area is still flooded. There were no fuel sales in October. Removal of the carpet and drywall in the terminal building was completed and the stud walls are dry and clean.

Item#11: Discussion and possible action on flood issue. Roger Petrick reported that work on the emergency ditch was complete and nothing additional was planned at this time. He said agreements had been made with the landowners to keep these ditches in place for one year. Pat Gavinski said he was getting numbers together for a more permanent solution. He thought there might be State funding available but it would have to be tied to an actual roadway

project. Commissioner Marshall said Richland County was looking into emergency funding. Commissioner Lins expressed concern over the water that has been pouring over Garrelts Lane for 7 weeks. Possibly a larger culvert would help. The fields East of there have become a lake. Marc Higgs reported that water is still pouring onto the airport and flowing across the intersection of the two runways as fast as the culvert under County Line road can remove it, thus creating a lake on the terminal area ramp. Commissioner Storti discussed the previous study done by Jewell that addressed the historic ground water issues and flow patterns through the valley. Commissioner Marshall gave thanks to Roger Petrick for all the work he has done and to Milton Sprecher for allowing the ditch to cross his land. Pat Gavinski reported that he had surveyed the drop across the field between the airport ramp and the culvert under Mercer Road to see if a swale through there would improve the drainage of the ramp. He reported the drop was not sufficient to be of benefit. Commissioner Lins said that first the Commission had to determine the best route for a permanent solution, then see if the land could be acquired, either by agreement, purchase or eminent domain, and that had to be settled before attempting to get permits. Patrick Gavinski said he was in contact with Andy Barta of the D.N.R. about permitting issues concerning flowing water into Bear Creek. Commissioner Deal brought up a letter from Iowa County Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy in which he listed the 4 options he thought the commission had at this point. They included : 1. Do nothing and deal with the damage as it occurs. 2. Dig the ditch as a permanent solution. 3. Close the airport. 4. Relocate the airport. In the letter he discussed the implications of each action.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn until Thursday November 21, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Riek. The motion carried.

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