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## Tri-County Airport Meeting

When: November 21, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

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

VICTOR V. VLASAK RICHLAND COUNTY CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lins with Commissioner Deal; Commissioner Marshall, Commissioner Riek, Commissioner Storti, Commissioner Williamson, Commissioner Valtiara, Richland County Highway Commissioner Roger Petrick, Sauk County Highway Commissioner Patrick Gavinski, Sauk County Assistant Corporation Counsel Jim Witecha, and Marc Higgs present. Also present were tenants from the airport and local landowners. Commissioner Reik made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to move item # 12 to before item #7, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. The motion carried.

Item #5: Approval of minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Deal made a motion to strike the election of vice chair from the minutes as the ordinance does not require a vice chair on the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. The motion carried. Commissioner Reik made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Marshall. The motion carried.

Item #6: Scheduled Appearances. None

Item #12: Discussion and possible action on Leineweber hangar addition. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the addition to Edward Leinewebers hangar, seconded by Commissioner Riek. The motion carried.

Item#7: Public Comment, None.

Item#8: Communications. 1) Omni Associates sent a copy of the agenda of the meeting held November 1 at the airport with Marc Higgs, Wendy Hottenstien of the Bureau of Aeronautics, and three members of their engineering staff. The pupose of the meeting was to tour the airport and discuss the planned engineering project for the reconstruction of the main runway, raise the taxiway, and other items including flood mitigation on the airport. 2) The Department of Transportation sent a copy of the finding for that project. 3) The D.N.R. sent six questions regarding use of chemicals at the airport. 1. Do you currently have fire-fighting foam at the airport?

- 2. If so, have you used it or performed routine nozzle testing of the equipment.
- 3. Historically, did you store or use fire-fighting foam at the airport?
- 4 .Do you perform/allow fire training exercises at the airport?
- 5. Have you performed/allowed fire training exercises at the airport, historically?
- 6. Have you stored or used plane deicing chemicals recently or historically?

Marc reported that he replied to them (no) on all six questions as the airport has never used fire fighting foam or deice chemicals, and does not have the equipment or personnel to do so.

Commissioner Lins had received a communication from Sauk County Administrative Coordinator clarifying how the voting would work on the Commission as members don't have equal percentage. He explained this to the Commission.

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

Income received: \$1,300.00

Invoices paid: \$5,546.35

The income was from rent. The expense was utilities, demo to the terminal building after the flood which included removal of all the carpet and flooring, removal of lower 2' of drywall throughout the building, and the washroom fixtures, plus new insulation. 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, and that he replaced the insulation in the outer walls when the extremely cold weather hit in early November, and that he got one of the washrooms functional.

Item#11: Discussion and possible action on flood issue. Roger Petrick reported that he had been in discussion with the D.N.R. about route #2 for the ditch. He said he estimated it would involve the removal of 292,000 yards of soil and cost approximately 3.3 million to get from Bear Creek to County Line Road. It would start out 14' deep and be 25' wide at the bottom. Commissioner Lins reported on a meeting at the airport between him, Marc, and a hydrologist from U.W. Extension. Pat Gavinski said the Commission has to determine how much land is to be drained before you can determine the slope. Commissioner Marshall raised the issue of the homes along the route. Commissioner Lins spoke with Hartung brothers and they are hoping for a total solution that will help drain the farmland. Dennis Polivka raised the issue of the Drainage District which was formed years ago. Commissioner Lins said the Commission should look into the current status of the Drainage Board as no one seemed to know if it was fully formed. Pat Gavinski recommended looking into the Jewel study of options as a starting point. Roger Petrick agreed. Commissioner Lins suggested that he, Marc, Roger, and Pat meet with Jewel in December before the next Commission meeting to determine what they are offering.

Item# 13: Discussion and possible action on airport restaurant. Marc reported on the restaurant and their struggles to reopen in spite of continued flooding. Marc asked for clarification from Corporation Counsel on the procedure for acquiring a new operator should the current operator not reopen. Marc asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Jim Witecha to review the lease agreement with the restaurant in case it should be updated.

Commissioner Reik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Storti. The motion carried.

Marc Higgs