

Tri-County Airport Meeting

When: August 20, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Tri-County Airport, E2525 County Road JJ, Spring Green, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stevens, with Commissioner Storti, Commissioner Williamson, Commissioner McGuire, Commissioner Deal, Commissioner Polivka and Marc Higgs present. Also present were Richland County Chair Marty Brewer, Richland County Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick, Roger Petrick, , Greg Jewel, Dave Bretl, Clinton Langreck, and many local landowners and airport tenants. Commissioner McGuire made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Polivka. The motion carried. Commissioner Polivka made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. The motion carried.

Item #6: Scheduled appearances. none

Item#7: Public Comment. Richard Thompson, a tenant on the airport and airplane owner who flies regularly, gave an impassioned speech about how much the airport means to him, that it is a valuable facility for the counties, and that he hopes they continue to support and develop it in these difficult times.

Item#8: Communications. The Commission reviewed letters from Kitchener Layland and Jackson Law Firm concerning the flood issues.

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

Income received: \$7,947.16

Invoices paid: \$42,928.09

The income was from fuel sales and rent. The expense was \$42,050.00 final payment for the restoration of the terminal building to be taken out of the remaining flood insurance settlement, utilities, postage, cleaning supplies, and fuel for the airport truck and for mowing. Commissioner Deal made a motion to pay bills and vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Storti. The motion carried.

Item#10: Managers report. Marc reported on airport operations, a telephone conference with the DNR, the Army Corps of Engineers, Omni, and the Bureau of Aeronautics on next years taxiway project, and that Jim Sprecher was starting to disc the fields that had dried out.

Item#11: Discussion and possible action on flood issues. Commissioner Polivka clarified that the signing of the design contract with Jewel Associates did not need to go before the full County Board, and that approval from the Commission was all that was needed. Commissioner Stevens signed the contract on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner McGuire read a letter he composed to be sent to local residents to solicit information on the amount of damages they

have suffered from the flooding. He said the counties need a dollar amount to impress lawmakers of the need to find a solution to the flooding. Ben Southwick advised to not imply liability on the part of the Commission for the flooding. Greg Jewel suggested that much of those amounts could be acquired from emergency management. Nathan Burt announced that they were going to temporarily fill in the ditches to get equipment into the fields for harvest, but they would open them up again afterwards.

Item#12: Discussion and possible action on airport 2021 budget. The Commission reviewed the 2021 proposed budget. Commissioner Polivka made a motion to approve the budget and move it along to the counties for further review, seconded by Commissioner Stevens. The motion carried.

Item#13: Closed session under section 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel.

Item#14: Return to open session.

Commissioner Polivka made a motion to adjourn until September 17, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at the airport, seconded by Commissioner Stevens. The motion carried.

Marc Higgs