

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
GREATER ROCKFORD AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority was held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 in the Greater Rockford Airport Authority Auditorium, 60 Airport Drive, Rockford, IL.

Chairman Cicero called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners & Legal Counsel	Present	RFD Staff	Present	Guests/Other Staff
Paul Cicero	X	Mike Dunn		Steve Ernst – Winnebago County Rail Authority
K. Edward Copeland	X	Amy Ott	X	Mick Greenwold – Fehr Graham, Inc.
Tom DalSanto	X	Ken Ryan		Kyle Elliott – GRAA
Pat Derry	X	Matt Zinke		Jim Klinefelter – ProTec
Tom Myers	X	Jan Benoit		Media – Channel 23
Ray Wetzel	X	Kathy Bruggeman	X	
Tom Lester – legal counsel	X	Zach Oakley	X	
		Carol Moyer	X	
		Dave Lindberg		

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner DalSanto, and was unanimously approved to accept the revised minutes of the September 25, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Ernst with the Winnebago County Rail Authority presented to the Board of Commissioners the recent status. Two slides were shown depicting future plans that may potentially affect RFD and the Greater Rockford area. There is a group of investors who are talking about creating a brand new railroad which would cut a 5-day trip through Chicago for freight down to less than 24 hours around Chicago. The belt line would reach Chicago to Rochelle and potentially to RFD and then up to Wisconsin. It would be 285 miles and expect operation by 2018. Discussions and field visits are still taking place. Chairman Christiansen has been and will continue to hold meetings to discuss the plans. The Board will be updated as needed. Omni Tracks has shown renewed interest in updating the existing rail line in and around RFD and the Rail Authority is being supportive of this project as well. This line would be

used to move freight as well. A new rail terminal is being researched as well. Fehr-Graham has come up with a preliminary design. The Board will continue to be updated as needed. Mr. Ernst announced that he would be retiring this year but will be providing contractual services until they find a replacement. The Board thanked him for the report.

STAFF REPORTS:

Zach Oakley – Operations Manager reported the following with a slide presentation:

- T-Hangar drainage issue has been resolved with an overlay and new slope.
- Runway construction phase 4 is ongoing. The contractor has been having a few issues with the concrete and fly ash. They are one week behind schedule but we expect it to catch up and be open the week of Thanksgiving.
- Falcon Road realignment and resurfacing is on schedule. Some sections are being milled and some sections have received the base layer.
- Governor Christi flew in to assist with Bruce Rauner’s campaign for Governor. Next Monday, Vice-President Biden will be at RFD to promote Governor Quinn’s and Congresswoman Bustos’ campaign. Meetings have been taking place all week in preparation for his visit. There is one passenger flight during this time that may be delayed for a few minutes.
- SkyView Restaurant and Concessions had their grand opening last night in the Terminal Building. Staff and our Board Chairman represented RFD.

Amy Ott – Deputy Director of Administration & Finance reported the following:

- Business insurance is on the agenda tonight. The cost is less than last year. We will change a couple of carrier but are all highly rated insurance agencies so we are still getting a quality product.
- Emery Aviation leases have received some minor adjustments.

Carol Moyer – Manager for Airport Terminal, Facility, and Tenant Relations reported the following:

- The SkyView Restaurant has submitted proposals on changes to the areas in the Terminal Building. They would like to make the downstairs area suitable for special events. There are ongoing meetings regarding their proposed changes. Their focus right now is on the passengers but they eventually want toward being a full service restaurant.
- Mayor Morrissey’s picture is in our terminal building. The terminal was chosen as a place to display one of the photographs from a campaign called “In Good Company” organized

by the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. There are 30 photographs highlighting people and companies in our community.

COMMIITTE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Commissioner Derry motioned to approve **Resolution #14-39** approving a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Usage Driven Site Operating agreement with Spectrum Brands, Inc. of Dixon, IL. Commissioner Wetzel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Derry motioned to approve **Resolution #14-41** approving a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) First Addendum to the MABAS Master Agreement. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion.

Commissioner Derry motioned to approve **Ordinance #14-04** providing for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority, Winnebago County, Illinois beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. A roll call vote indicated five (5) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Commissioner Derry motioned to approve **Resolution #14-42** accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2014. Commissioner Wetzel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Derry motioned to approve **Resolution #14-43** awarding ITB#14-02 for pavement rehabilitation in the northeast t- hangar area to William Charles Construction of Loves Park, IL in the amount of \$83,495.00. Commissioner Wetzel seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Derry motioned to enter into Executive Session *Pursuant to 5 ILCS120/2 (c) (5)* of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body. Commissioner DaSanto seconded the motion and Executive Session was entered.

There being no further business, Commissioner Derry motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DaSanto and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.