

Minutes

Terre Haute International Airport Authority
March 4, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.
Airport Conference Room

PRESENT:

Darryl Huyett, President
Brian Short, Vice President
Darrel Zeck, Secretary
Richard Baker, Member

ABSENT:

Rachel Leslie, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Hauser, Executive Director
Kara McIntosh, Director of Operations
Karen Burger, Bookkeeper and Office Manager
Abby Desboro, Director of Marketing and Public Relations
Chris Gresham, Operations Manager, Safety & Security
Shaun Baker, Operations Manager, Airfield
Drew Genneken, DG Design Airport Planner
Scott Craig, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Harder, Tenant; Joel Vink, Tenant; Rick Turriff, Tenant; Corey Harper, BF&S; Paul Shaffer, BF&S; Brad Anderson, County Commissioner

Mr. Huyett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Zeck, seconded by Mr. Short, and passed by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved.

In review of the Financial Report Mr. Zeck commented that the Report was very complete and please continue to provide this information for the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. Baker, and passed by unanimous vote, the Claim Form dated March 4, 2015 was approved.

Mr. Hauser presented the Executive Director's report (attached to and part of official minutes).

Mr. Genneken presented the Consultant's Report (attached to and part of official minutes).

Mr. Craig presented the Attorney's Report (attached to and part of official minutes).

Upon a motion by Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. Baker, and passed by unanimous vote, the "T-Hangar #2 (Alan Harder), 3 (Lucid Thought Consulting), 9 (Eiler Aviation Consultants) and 30 (Darrel Zeck)" (attached and part of official minutes) were approved. Mr. Zeck abstained from the vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, and seconded by Mr. Zeck, and passed by unanimous vote, the resignation of the current engineering consultant NGC was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, and seconded by Mr. Short, and passed by unanimous vote,

the authorization of the Airport Authority staff, to prepare for review by the Facilities Committee, a RFQ for obtaining engineering services was approved.

Joel Vink an aircraft owner being housed in the Hoosier Hangar addressed the board. He asked the Board what the status of the hangar situation at the Airport is. He had heard rumors of new construction and remodeling of hangars. He stated they are currently on the T-Hangar list and was wondering how they have not moved up the list as with T-Hangar leases passing at the Board meeting. Mr. Huyett passed the inquiry onto the Airport staff. Mr. Hauser explained that new t-hangars have been discussed as a future development, but at this time there is no plan to build new hangars. Mr. Vink explained his frustration comes from the lack of care and consideration for his airplane in the Hoosier Hangar including hangar rash. He went onto ask if there is any plan to build additional hangars. Mr. Hauser explained that it is in the future plan and discussion. It comes down to time and money. Mr. Vink asked how many hangars are sitting with personal possessions and not an aircraft. Mr. Hauser explained that there are not any hangars with such items. Mr. Vink expressed his frustration with the movement on the t-hangar waiting list. Mrs. Desboro explained that the leases approved tonight were already t-hangar tenants and would not have affected his position on the waiting list. She went onto explain that she currently has an open t-hangar and is in the process of securing a tenant. Mr. Vink asked if the Airport would lease portions of property for development. Mr. Huyett explained that is how the Hoosier Hangar was built. And when it comes to t-hangars they are built in a block and typically not built by a personal investor. Mr. Genneken stated that we are awaiting some environmental approval and other approvals to continue on the long term plan to build t-hangars in the west quad. Mr. Vink asked what long term meant, 6 months or 6 years. Mr. Genneken stated that it could be either as it comes down to a financial matter for the Airport. And if they would like to build their own t-hangars it is feasible, but would need to go thru the Airport staff and board. Mr. Huyett stated to submit a proposal to the Board for review on the matter.

Mr. Vink asked about the restaurant and what the Airport is doing to fill the restaurant. He said he has experience in the restaurant business and people fly to destinations to have breakfast. Mr. Hauser explained that the restaurant is a very import part to the Airport and he is working to fill the space with an operator to provide breakfast and lunch and dinner is optional. This would allow the people based on the airfield to take advantage of the restaurant and provide a service for the general aviation community. Mr. Hauser explained that he is working very hard on filling the restaurant. Mr. Huyett stated that he appreciates Mr. Vink's input, and please address the staff on these issues.

Mr. Baker expressed his thanks to the maintenance staff for all their hard work over the winter and especially this weekend in snow removal.

Mr. Huyett thanked Commissioner Anderson for attending the Airport Board meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Zeck, and passed by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Darrel Zeck, Secretary