



Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Terre Haute Regional Airport Authority
April 16, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.
Airport Conference Room

PRESENT:

Rachel Leslie, President (called in)
Brian Short, Vice President (called in)
Rick Burger, Secretary (called in)
Dick Baker, Treasurer (called in)
Dan Conley, Member (called in)
Bernice Helman, Member (called in)

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Hauser, Executive Director (called in)
Kara McIntosh, Director of Operations (called in)
Kelsey Veatch, Finance Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Baer, Woolpert (called in)
Scott Craig, Attorney (called in)
Howard Greninger, Tribune Star (called in)
Ethan & Emily Malavolti, Malavolti Aviation Services (called in)

Mrs. Leslie called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

Comments from the Board of Directors – None

Comments from the Public –

Ethan Malavolti asked where the RFP for the restaurant space currently stood. Rachel Leslie responded that the space is still open until it is filled and that with the current COVID-19 pandemic the airport has not had an opportunity to move forward with the applications and will follow up with applicants soon.

Consideration and Discussion of New Business –

Presented by Scott Craig. The Economic Development Committee met this week along with John and Nick from Woolpert and Monica Newhouse to discuss submitting a grant pre-application to the FAA to try and get some projects funded. The funding would come from some additional money that is going to the FAA and INDOT this year as part of the emergency appropriations made in response to the ongoing Coronavirus emergency.

The Economic Development Committee recommends that the Terre Haute Regional Airport

submit grant pre-applications on four items, all of which are related to improving fire protection at the Airport. This is based on a belief that these projects will be appealing because (a) issues with the Airport's ARFF vehicle were noted in our most recent FAA inspection; (b) these projects would not only address an issue at the Airport but also would more broadly improve safety for the surrounding residents and businesses and would also eliminate/reduce a barrier to economic development at the Airport and the surrounding area.

The four items (with price tags)

1. ARFF Vehicle (design/bid) \$35,000
2. ARFF Vehicle (procurement) \$750,000
3. ARFF Facility (planning) \$100,000
4. ARFF Facility (design) \$337,500

Approval by a motion by Mrs. Helman, seconded by Mr. Short, and passed by unanimous vote authorization for submission of a grant pre-application to the FAA for the four ARFF items was approved.

Comments from the Public – None

Board of Director's Comments – None

Upon a motion by Mr. Short, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Rick Burger, Secretary