

VERMILION REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes August 17, 2021

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Myers called the August 17, 2021 meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance recited, and a moment of silence observed.

Agenda Item 3 – Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following commissioners were present: Jonathan Myers, Joe Vincent, Craig Davidson, Mike Fuesting and Steve Foster. Manager Alex Gale and Assistant Airport Manager Sheryl Tingley were also present.

Agenda Item 4 – Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Adoption or Amendment of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Vincent to amend the agenda by striking #11 for this month, seconded by Dr. Fuesting. All answered in favor, motion passed by acclamation. Mr. Foster made a motion to amend the agenda by striking #18, there was no second. Motion did not pass.

Agenda Item 6 – Approval of Regular Minutes July 22, 2021

Motion by Dr. Fuesting to approve the July 22nd minutes, seconded by Mr. Foster. Upon voice vote, 5 yes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Accept 2020 Audit & Crowder CPA to Perform 2021 Audit – Action Item

Tammy Battle presented on 2020 audit. This is an independent auditor's report. This was a clean audit. Mr. Vincent made motion to accept the audit, seconded by Dr. Fuesting. Upon voice vote, 5 yes, motion passed. Mr. Vincent would like the audit costs to go down in future. Mr. Foster made a motion to retain Crowder for 2021 year, seconded by Dr. Fuesting. Upon voice vote, 4 yes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 8 – Hangar 7 West Door – Possible Action Item

Mr. Myers opened the one bid that was presented for East door of George Camarata Hangar good for 30 days – taking down existing doors, install new siding and trims, demo concrete and rails and replace, reinstall doors and weatherstripping, remove all rubbish. Base Bid proposal is \$97,056.00. Add power operator \$15,455. Mr. Myers cautioned board that we are spending a lot we may have to scale back next year. There was discussion on our options. Dr. Fuesting made a motion to put a spec out a bid to demo concrete and rails and reset on West side and bid east side trench, seconded by Mr. Vincent. This will be put out for bid to be open at next month's meeting. Upon voice vote, 5 yes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 9 – Managers Report - Possible Action Items

Mrs. Gale presented a written report on the activities of the month. Discussion of monthly projects ensued regarding leases, Taxiway A project, and Glider Club.

Agenda Item 10 – Treasurers Report: Financial Items & Payables - Action Item

Dr. Fuesting stated he had reviewed all financials. Dr. Fuesting made a motion to approve July payroll and payables, including: the monthly check report, balance sheet, current P&L, P&L Previous Year Comparison, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Upon voice vote, 4 yes motion passed.

Agenda Item 11 – Farmland Improvements – Possible Action Item

This item was tabled for a later date.

Agenda Item 12 – Executive Session Minutes for Release

Tabled until next month.

Agenda Item 13 – Approve Legal Action for Abandon Aircraft – Action Item

Mr. Davis said the petition has been filed with probate court.

Agenda Item 14 – Legal Issues Regarding Authority Territory – Action Items

Mr. Davis presented that the petition was rejected due to a technicality. We needed a specific code. Petition has been refiled attached with Matt Long's affidavit. This includes 93 properties that should be back in the authority. He passed out the new petition. A hearing is required between 30 and 60 days. Need to publish a notice of hearing. Cathy Jenkins to be a respondent. Change in condition is described in the statute says any property that was allowed out for a particular reason that no longer exists – which is farming and other criteria. All those would come back in. Matt will testify these parcels now should be taxed. Each parcel is not a big chunk, so it won't be expensive for these individuals.

Agenda Item 15 – Amend Hangar Lease Agreement – Possible Action Items

This item was tabled for a later date.

Agenda Item 16 - Commissioners Reports

- a) Mr. Davidson inquired about the sod runway, express the importance of having it and ability for washing airplanes.
- b) Dr. Fuesting was reported the flying club is looking for more members.
- c) Mr. Vincent reported BOV was a success.
- d) Mr. Foster had not met with Manager Gale. Waiting for Casino before things are moved on at the airport.

Agenda Item 17 - Commissioners Reports

Dr. Fuesting noted that VRAA has a 75th year anniversary this year

Agenda Item 18 – Monthly Manager Performance Review –

Agenda Item 19 – Executive Session

- A) Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6): The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.....
- B) Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11): Litigation.....
- C) Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1): Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.....

Mr. Foster still objected to doing this. He has 4 items to discuss with the commissioners, but was advised to talk to Mr. Myers first. Mr. Foster made a motion to strike #18, was not 2nd. Motion does not pass.

Motion by Mr. Vincent to go into executive session for item 11 C for discussion of employment., seconded by Dr. Fuesting. All answered in favor, motion passed by acclamation.

Motion by Mr. Vincent to go out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Upon voice vote, 5 yes, motion passed.

Mr. Vincent made a motion to extend the airport managers probation through January with monthly reviews held in special sessions of the board. Upon voice vote, 5 yes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 20 - Adjournment: A motion by Mr. Davidson was made to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Vincent. All answered in favor, motion passed by acclamation.

MINUTES Approved _____ Amended X By Acclamation this Sept 21, 2021