

VERMILION REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes July 22, 2021

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Myers called the July 22, 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, and Steve Foster. Mike Fuesting was absent. Manager Alex Gale was present by phone and also Assistant Airport Manager Sheryl Tingley was 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 #18 for this month, seconded by Mr. Foster. All answered in favor, motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 6 – Approval of Regular Minutes June 15, 2021

Motion by Mr. Vincent to approve the June 15th minutes, seconded by Mr. Foster. Upon voice vote, 3 yes 1 abstain, motion passed.

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

Mr. McDowell presented 3 bids for the west door. Mr. Vincent made a motion to approve specs to refurbish 140' door: including take down existing doors, installing new siding/trim, demo concrete rails, install new rails, reinstall doors with weatherstripping. Bid power operator door as an option for hangar #7, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion Carries. This will be put out for bid to be open at next month's meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Managers Report - Possible Action Items

Mrs. Gale presented a written report on the activities of the month.

Discussion of monthly projects ensued including air cargo. The recommendation is to find out the FAA requirements to be able to get our grant level updated.

Agenda Item 9 – Treasurers Report: Financial Items & Payables - Action Item

Mr. Meyers stated that Dr. Fuesting has reviewed all financials. Motion by Mr. Meyers on behalf of Dr. Fuesting to approve Jun 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 10 – Farmland Improvements – Possible Action Item

Mrs. Gale stated that the USDA has \$ to put in waterway that will be funded also tiling. Discussion ensued. Mr. Myers would like to go to USDA to see if it can be labeled as set aside acreage to receive a cash payment per acre. Board wants to postpone this for one month to investigate.

Agenda Item 11 – Executive Session Minutes for Release

Tabled until next month.

Agenda Item 12 – Approve Legal Action for Abandon Aircraft – Action Item

Mr. Davis had the petition that was already approved for Mr. Myers to sign. The board's petition is for the creditor as owner of the airplane. Hopeful for a sale!

Agenda Item 13 – Legal Issues Regarding Authority Territory – Action Items

Mr. Davis presented that he is continuing meetings with the Supervisor of Assessments Office and Vermilion County Clerk's Office regarding the tax of the windmill generators and the disconnected parcels of land within the Airports territory. Motion by Mr. Foster to approve a resolution allowing legal counsel to direct a petition to the circuit court to reconnect of all lands not being taxed that they be reconnected to the taxing authority of VRAA, seconded by Mr. Vincent. Upon voice vote 4 yes, 1 absent motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Foster to approve the petition for reconnect of parcels as presented to the board, seconded by Mr. Davidson. 4 yes, 1 absent. Motion carries

Agenda Item 14 – Commercial/Aerial Spraying Operations Ordinance – Action Items

Mrs. Gale stated that we have received 3 inquiries for Ag operations at the airport. We referred to Coles County for advice. Mr. Meyers found an old ordinance from 2010 from VRAA. We received 2 signed documents using what we had. We want to revise to \$200 a day or a 1 time \$200 with the purchase of our fuel through the FBO. Mr. Meyers wants to amend our current agreement to reflect this. We will also require insurance for their planes and as an additional insured and premises. Also, to provide state of Ill ag approval/application permit. Mr. Vincent made a motion to amend the current ag ordinance to include a \$200 per day or 1 time \$200 fee with purchase of Jet A through the FBO for operations originated out of the VRAA, seconded by Mr. Foster. Upon voice vote, 4 yes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 15 – Proposed Budget Amendment – Action Items

Discussion on income and expenses for the first 6 months. Mr. Myers presented a revision of our income up from \$895,450 to \$896,300; and expenses in total increased from 1,071,273 to 1,109,410. Budget deficit has increase from 175,813 to 213,110. Mr. Myers asked to add in addition (refer hanger #7) to Buildings Capital addition to 222,000 to 325,000 new budget deficits at 316,000. Mr. Foster made a motion amend the budget as presented with the last correction, seconded by Mr. Davidson. 4 yes motion carries.

Agenda Item 16 - Commissioners Reports

- a) Mr. Davidson inquired about the sod runway, express the importance of having it.
- b) Dr. Fuesting was absent.
- c) Mr. Vincent reported BOV was a success.
- d) Mr. Foster had no report.

Agenda Item 17 - Commissioners Comments

Mr. Myers reported that he had received several calls regarding hangar rents and leases. He encourages people to write down their concerns and present to the board instead of going directly to Jon. He thinks we have a fair lease, but it can be revised in the future. He does not like a back door conversation. He stands behind what we have passed before. Board encouraged Jon to tell people to come to board not him.

Agenda Item 18 – Monthly Manager Performance Review – None

Agenda Item 19 – Executive Session None

- 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.....

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

MINUTES Approved _X_____ Amended _____ By Acclamation this Aug 17, 2021