

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT
September 17, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Regional Airport was held at the airport administration building #8 Terminal Drive, East Alton, IL 62024 on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the hour of 4:30 P.M. On call of the roll, the following Commissioners answered present: Robert LaMarsh, Brian Keister, Christopher Herzog, Matt Kelly, Dave Wilson, Karla Harris and Nicholas Hobbs. Also present: Airport Director Danny Adams, Airport Assistant Director Drake Blackwell, Accounts Receivable Denine Anderson and Accounts Payable Crystal Geisen. Airport Attorney Jim Sinclair arrived at 5:07 P.M.

Guests Present: Barry Stolz with Hanson Engineering and Amanda Winn-Public.

Public Participations: None

Chairman Kelly presented the Regular board meeting minutes from August 20, 2026. Commissioner Keister moved to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	abstain
Commissioner Hobbs-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a majority vote of the Board in favor.

Chairman Kelly presented the financial statements for the third month of fiscal year 2026-2027. Commissioner Hobbs had a question about Tie-down fees, are we charging now? Director Adams advised, yes. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the statements as printed. Commissioner LaMarsh seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye
Commissioner Hobbs-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board in favor.

Chairman Kelly presented the bills for approval. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the bills as printed. Commissioner LaMarsh seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye
Commissioner Hobbs-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board in favor.

The following bills have been paid since the last meeting:

		Date	Memo	Account	Amount
	ACE HARDWARE				
		09/01/2026		6235 · Shop, tools, sm equip	-91.36
		09/01/2026		6220 · Janitorial Supplies	-23.94
		09/01/2026			-306.05
		09/01/2026		6501 · Aeronautical	-21.54
		09/01/2026		6269 · 25-Edwards Jones	-7.99
		09/01/2026		6270 · 25-T & E Coins	-169.61
		09/01/2026		6251 · 11-admin	-121.13
		09/01/2026		6660 · Cash Discounts	73.61
		09/01/2026		6502 · General	-16.99
	Total ACE HARDWARE				-685.00
	AT & T				
		09/01/2026		6713 · Internet	-119.33
	Total AT & T				-119.33
	BETHALTO WATER DEPT				
		09/01/2026		6732 · Water	-224.01
	Total BETHALTO WATER DEPT				-224.01
	Charter Business				
		09/01/2026		6711 · Telephone	-40.00
		09/01/2026		6550 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-151.13
		09/01/2026		6713 · Internet	-115.00
	Total Charter Business				-306.13
	Delta Dental				
		09/01/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-731.90
	Total Delta Dental				-731.90
	Denine S. Anderson				
		08/21/2026	6720 · Travel/Meals		
	Total Denine S. Anderson				173.13
	Envision				
		08/22/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-57.69
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-21.13
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-81.34
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-75.00
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-270.00
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-31.02
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-31.07
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-22.40
		08/31/2026	6150 · Health Insurance		-95.00

		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-68.25
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-300.00
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-70.00
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-55.00
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-113.29
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-35.00
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-25.00
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-651.68
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-310.05
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-268.58
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-62.37
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	0.00
		08/31/2026	6144 · INSURANCE EXPENSE		
		08/31/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-6.80
		09/01/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-110.00
	Total Envision				-2,678.87
	Home Depot Credit Services				
		09/14/2026		6235 · Shop, tools, sm equip	-132.15
	Total Home Depot Credit Services				-132.15
	ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND				
		08/26/2026		6581 · IMRF	-7,410.41
	Total ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND				-7,410.41
	Intermedia				
		09/09/2026		6711 · Telephone	-243.24
	Total Intermedia				-243.24
	PRINCIPAL				
		09/01/2026		6165 · Life Insurance	-178.86
		09/01/2026		6160 · Disability Insurance	-2,208.67
	Total PRINCIPAL				-2,387.53
	Republic Services				
		09/01/2026		6550 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-723.53
	Total Republic Services				-723.53
	SAMS CLUB				
		09/11/2026		6550 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-119.16

		09/11/2026		6220 · Janitorial Supplies	-62.17
	Total SAMS CLUB				-181.33
	Sign Magic				
		08/26/2026	mural	7220 · Grant Expense	-6,000.00
		08/26/2026			-200.00
		08/26/2026	mural	7220 · Grant Expense	-6,000.00
		08/26/2026	deposit		-200.00
	Total Sign Magic				-12,400.00
	SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC				
		09/01/2026		6731 · Electric	-54.50
	Total SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC				-54.50
	United Health Care				
		09/01/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-13,146.31
	Total United Health Care				-13,146.31
	VISION SERVICE PLAN OF ILLINOIS				
		09/01/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-248.10
	Total VISION SERVICE PLAN OF ILLINOIS				-248.10
	West Star Aviation				
		09/15/2026	reimb	6210 · Fuel	10,090.26
	Total West Star Aviation				10,090.26
	TOTAL				-31,408.95

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE APPROVED:

		Date	Memo	Account	Amount
		09/17/2026		6731 · Electric	-13,172.05
	Total AMERENIP				-13,172.05
	Anderson Healthcare				
		09/17/2026		8010 · Other Expenses	-691.70
	Total Anderson Healthcare				-691.70
	Andrea Sargent				
		09/17/2026		6630 · Training	-682.00
	Total Andrea Sargent				-682.00
	Arrow Signs & Outdoor Advertising, Inc.				
		09/17/2026		6305 · Sign - Marquee	-500.00
	Total Arrow Signs & Outdoor Advertising, Inc.				-500.00
	Bethalto Police Safety Fund				
		09/17/2026		6180-2 · Community	-250.00
	Total Bethalto Police Safety Fund				-250.00
	BETHALTO WATER DEPT				
		09/17/2026		6732 · Water	-120.07
	Total BETHALTO WATER DEPT				-120.07
	CARD SERVICES				

		09/17/2026		6502 · General	-1,290.00
		09/17/2026		6450 · Fire/Medical/Radio Equip	-99.20
		09/17/2026		6235 · Shop, tools, sm equip	-97.48
		09/17/2026		6720 · Travel/Meals	-135.22
		09/17/2026		6554 · Postage	-5.63
		09/17/2026		6680 · Dues/Fees	-59.50
		09/17/2026		6720 · Travel/Meals	-2,443.66
	Total CARD SERVICES				-4,130.69
	Culligan Water				
		09/17/2026		6550 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-194.25
	Total Culligan Water				-194.25
	DJ Howard and Associates				
		09/17/2026		6701 · Appraisals	-2,200.00
	Total DJ Howard and Associates				-2,200.00
	Five Oak Designs				
		09/17/2026		6230 · Uniform	-24.00
	Total Five Oak Designs				-24.00
	Hearst Media				
		09/17/2026		6180-1 · Paper/Magazine	-272.76
	Total Hearst Media				-272.76
	Heartland Bank				
		09/17/2026	7226 · Bond Interest Expense		
	Total Heartland Bank				-81,832.50
	Heritage Petroleum LLC				
		09/17/2026		6210 · Fuel	-8,850.05
	Total Heritage Petroleum LLC				-8,850.05
	Jackson Lewis PC				
		09/17/2026		6705 · Legal Fees	-5,248.80
	Total Jackson Lewis PC				-5,248.80
	John Deere Financial				
		09/17/2026		6406 · 5-97 john deere 6400	-476.01
	Total John Deere Financial				-476.01
	MCKAY				
		09/17/2026		6400 · Maintenance of Equipment	-52.56
		09/17/2026		6433 · 1 - 2022 Ford Explorer	-159.05
	Total MCKAY				-211.61
	MGI Risk Advisors				
		09/17/2026		6200 · Fly-in	-1,588.00
	Total MGI Risk Advisors				-1,588.00
	Midwest Occupational Medicine				
		09/17/2026		-55.00	
	Total Midwest Occupational Medicine				-55.00
	Midwest Tractor Sales				

		09/17/2026		6404 · 3-26 Exmark Mower	-130.03
	Total Midwest Tractor Sales				-130.03
	PETTY CASH-SLRA				
		09/17/2026		6220 · Janitorial Supplies	-74.93
		09/17/2026		6550 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-17.00
		09/17/2026		6235 · Shop, tools, sm equip	-52.64
		09/17/2026		6720 · Travel/Meals	-30.25
		09/17/2026		6241 · 1-The Terminal/Pilot's Lounge	-42.27
		09/17/2026		6150 · Health Insurance	-71.13
		09/17/2026		6720 · Travel/Meals	-238.00
	Total PETTY CASH-SLRA				-526.22
	Riverbender.com				
		09/17/2026		6200 · Fly-in	-175.00
	Total Riverbender.com				-175.00
	Stobbs & Sinclair, LTD				
		09/17/2026		6705 · Legal Fees	-1,129.83
	Total Stobbs & Sinclair, LTD				-1,129.83
	SUNBELT RENTALS				
		09/17/2026		6690 · Equipment Rental	-31.00
	Total SUNBELT RENTALS				-31.00
	UNLINE				
		09/17/2026		6251 · 11-admin	-179.86
	Total UNLINE				-179.86
	V1 Portable Sanitation LLC				
		09/17/2026	OCT-DEC	6550 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-750.00
	Total V1 Portable Sanitation LLC				-750.00
	TOTAL				-123,421.43

Discussion/Action on Banking - Director Adams briefed the Board of Commissioners that we have been with the current bank over twenty years. We have added fraud protection since an incident and are paying more in fees since added. He has talked to three banks including current to weigh options. Banks included Associated Bank (current), Liberty Bank and Busey Bank. Director provided the Board of Commissioners with a spreadsheet of all three bank offers and benefits. Director Adams recommends moving finances to Busey Bank. Commissioner Herzog asked is Liberty Bank the one that leases from the airport? Director responded 'yes' but presentation was not impressive when they came out to visit. Commissioner Keister commented that banks are usually more than willing to negotiate. Director Adams stated the airport has an investment policy that was adopted in 2021. Commissioner Hobbs asked if anyone reached out to 1st MidAmerica Credit Union? Director Adams had not. Commissioner Hobbs reached out to them, and he thinks the airport should do more research on more banks. There was continued lengthy discussion. Chairman Kelly thinks working with us is important and Associated Bank has not been good at doing that. Chairman asked if anyone wants to establish a committee? Commissioner Hobbs moved to create a banking committee. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye
Commissioner Hobbs-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board in favor.

A banking committee was formed which includes Commissioners: Kelly, Herzog, Keister, Harris and Director Adams.

Discussion/Action on Authorization for Sale of Real Estate - IDOT approached the airport about purchasing the 0.43 acres behind their maintenance yard about a year ago. They completed their survey and appraisal. The appraiser determined fair market value of \$44,000. IDOT offer is \$44,000 (\$2.00 per sqft). Commissioner LaMarsh moved to approve the sale of the land to IDOT. Commissioner Keister seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye
Commissioner Hobbs-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board in favor.

Discussion/Action on Contingency Spending on Pilot Lounge – Director Adams presented to the Board of Commissioners a request for \$3500.00 out of contingency funds to outfit the dedicated pilot lounge area within The Terminal for furniture, desk, tables, rugs, etc. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the funding for The Terminal. Commissioner Keister seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye
Commissioner Hobbs-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board in favor.

Discussion/Action on T-Hangar Lease Renewals - Year-to-year lease renewal period. New language emphasizes the proper use of aircraft hangars for storage of operational aircraft while also adding language requiring progression on project aircraft that are being built. New language input does not allow the use of hangars for non-aeronautical activity. Commissioner Hobbs asked, how long is the waitlist? 35-40 and growing. Commissioner Herzog moved to approve the T-Hangar lease renewals. Commissioner LaMarsh seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner Harris-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye
Commissioner Hobbs-	abstain
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Wilson-	aye
Commissioner Kelly-	aye

The motion passed by a majority vote of the Board in favor.

Discussion on Arbitration Status – Director Adams informed the Board of Commissioners that arbitration occurred June 2, 2026, and decision made on September 16, 2026. Attorney Tom Berry: “The Arbitrator concluded the actions of Jay Grant were the definition of “dishonest” behavior and justified the suspension that he was issued. Additionally, Arbitrator recognized the removal of the safety officer role was appropriate in light of the privacy issues. Lastly, Arbitrator observed that the internal investigation which was completed was thorough.” In conclusion, the Union’s Grievance was denied. This decision is final and binding. The Union could file a lawsuit requesting a court to set aside the decision, but the likelihood is very low. Commissioner Herzog stated he is concerned about the amount of funds that was spent. Director Adams responded as of today the amount spent is approximately \$20,000.00. Commissioner Harris commented that the union has the right to file a grievance any time they want. Commissioner Herzog would like to put a cap on the dollar amount in the future. Chairman Kelly responded that is impossible unless you want the attorney to walk out mid negotiations. More discussions continued among the Commissioners.

Airport Director's Report:

- Construction has started on Taxiway B reconstruction to replace failing asphalt with concrete capable of supporting our most frequently seen aircraft. Expected to continue through early December, this approximately \$2million project is funded with 95% federal funding through the FAA Airport Improvement Program.
- 30th Annual Wings-N-Wheels Fly-in coming up on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27th.
 - a. FREE
 - b. Young Eagles flights sponsored by West Star Aviation
- EAA Chapter 864 hosting their “all you can eat” pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 10th 7:30am-11:30am. Proceeds help support youth aviation education programs. Located at The Terminal Event Space.
- The Terminal Event Space
 - a. Started with numerous bookings from just Bethalto. Have since hosted or scheduled to host groups from: Godfrey, Alton, East Alton, Wood River, Granite City, Glen Carbon, Edwardsville, O’Fallon making it a true regional attraction for hosting events
- 2nd consecutive year received acknowledgement for “Excellence Award for Airport Training” in our continual effort of FAA compliance and overall airport safety.
- Shopping Center Leases executed with new tenants:
 - a. FOMO Rips
 - b. NA-PCS
- Airport Tours
 - a. Beverly Farm
 - b. Riverbend Growth Association
 - c. Women in Aviation local Chapter
 - d. SIUC, SIUE, and SWIC upcoming

Attorney's Report:

- He looked at T-Hangar leases and made his suggestions.
- Encroachment transaction is pending with the title company; waiting to get a closing date.
- Will review the contract received tonight.

Board Member comments:

- Commissioner Keister asked Director Adams to email the airport’s investment policy.
- Commissioner Hobbs asked if there is an update on the ALP? Barry Stolz with Hanson Engineering responded and stated the project scope is being reviewed. Once approved by IDOT, planning meetings will then be scheduled. Commissioner Hobbs also asked if it is possible to build taxiways while waiting for money for hangars or do we have to have everything together before we build? Stolz responded, IDOT will not typically pay for pavement until they see an executed contract or construction on hangars.
- Commissioner LaMarsh complimented the Director on the newsletter and the updated inventory and capital assets spreadsheet.
- Chairman Kelly informed the Board and Director that he has schedule conflicts with October and November board meeting dates.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Matt Kelly

Robert LaMarsh

Karla Harris

Christopher Herzog

Brian Keister

Nicholas Hobbs

Dave Wilson