

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT
January 20, 2022**

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 62021 on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the hour of 4:32P.M. On call of the roll, the following Commissioners answered present: Wendell Ross, Robert LaMarsh, Brian Keister, Christopher Herzog and Cody Hinkle. Commissioner Steve Futrell was absent. Also present: Airport Manager Bob Snuck, Airport Attorney David Livingstone, Accounts Receivable Denine Anderson and Accounts Payable Crystal Geisen.

Guests Present were Barry Stolz of Hanson Engineering, Tim Kruckeberg with Kruckeberg Farms, Doug Johnson with WBGZ, David Fleetwood with Fleetwood Farms, Terri Keister with KCH Financial Todd Helmkamp with Helmkamp Auto Service, Don Hill with FAA-ASN-AOPA and general public consisted of Cora Miller, Jeremiah Grant, Jim and Julie Kramer and Dan Bartels.

Chairman Ross presented the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2021. Commissioner Keister moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Hinkle-	aye
Commissioner Futrell-	absent
Commissioner Ross-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye

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

Commissioner LaMarsh offered a question and a comment: He stated the minutes indicate that Commissioner Futrell requested that the wooden stakes used to mark the boundaries of airport property adjacent to Audubon Acres be replaced by metal stakes or markers. Has this been accomplished? Bob Snuck responded they are marked with metal pins. Commissioner LaMarsh commented that within the December minutes, there was a discussion regarding the purchase of a new photocopy machine. LaMarsh stated as he recalls, Commissioner Futrell brought into question the airport's established spending limit without requiring competitive quotes and/or the board's prior approval. To help clarify the point, he referred to the minutes of the July 16, 2020, meeting where \$7,500 was established as the spending limit. As validation of this limit, He referred to the minutes of May 20, 2021, which involved a \$7,100. Expenditure for new lighting in the administration building. These minutes reflect that Chairman Ross expressed a desire for three bids. It was pointed out that the expenditure did not exceed the \$7,500 limit. The Board unanimously approved the single bid.

Chairman Ross presented the financial statements for the seventh month of fiscal year 2021-2022. Commissioner Herzog moved to approve the statements as printed. Commissioner LaMarsh seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Hinkle-	aye
Commissioner Futrell-	absent
Commissioner Ross-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye

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

During public participation several people addressed the Board on various issues:

Kenny Grizzle addressed the Board and asked each member to introduce themselves individually and who they were appointed by. The Commissioner complied. Grizzle then asked if any have a background in aviation? No one. Any pilots? No one. Does anyone know what the EAA is? No response. Have any attended an EAA meeting? No. Grizzle then stated he and a buddy rehabbed the airport restaurant a few years back. He also expressed there is no self-fueling and no one has asked the community people about what is needed.

Jim Kramer, of EAA asked what is the vision of the airport in 5 years? What kind of people are you looking for to run the airport? Commissioner Keister stated he wants to find someone that can advise the Board on what it takes to make the Airport successful. Commissioner Hinkle stated the candidate needs to have leadership skills as well as aviation experience and needs a dynamic and creative mind.

Don Hill of EAA and a certified flight instructor stated in the last 7 years there has not been one negative report from this airport. Last year it was reported there was a shortage of T-hangars. He is concerned about how to grow the traffic at the airport. West Star Aviation does not want to support a flight school. Lewis and Clark Community College is interested in bringing a flight school to this airport. They do not have a vehicle. He stated he would like the Board to work with them to grow the business out here at the airport. Any help they can be given would be appreciated.

Tim Kruckeberg of Kruckeberg Farms asked the Board if there is going to be an opportunity for others to lease the farming grounds in the future? He would like the opportunity to make a bid. Chairman Ross addressed the issue/concern. Ross expressed October was the best time for the farmers to restart. We would like the current farmer to finish. So, around June we will rebid it. Tim stated 5 years would be a good time length for a lease.

Commissioner LaMarsh expressed he has been on the Board for 4 ½ years and has attended every meeting except one. He stated he has never seen any of the present public at a meeting before now. He asked, 'did you all express your concerns to the previous Board?' He also told the public they need to be a little more active.

David Fleetwood of Fleetwood Farms expressed they came to a board meeting 7 years ago. Himself and a group from the EAA and were told not to do that again without notification.

Commissioner Keister expressed to the public that he would encourage all to come to the meetings. He stated that the current Board is looking to move forward.

Julie Kramer, of EAA stated Mr. Miller was not a communicator. Bob Snuck has been here a short period of time but he is a communicator and has been to their meetings and made them feel welcomed. The have never felt welcomed at the meetings before.

Discussion/action on potential change in 457-B agent and plan regarding deferred compensation was presented by Commissioner Keister. He presented his research on 457B and has shared with the staff. There were two plans presented. Edward Jones and Nation Wide. Edward Jones was favorable by the staff because they are local. Commissioner Keister moved to adopt 457 Plan for airport employees. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Hinkle-	aye
Commissioner Futrell-	absent
Commissioner Ross-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye

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

Commissioner LaMarsh asked if all employees were in agreement? Keister stated he has been able to speak with all employees except one.

Discussion of Wildlife Plan was present by Airport Manager Bob Snuck. He stated some of the wildlife management plan is out of date. He stated Dave Birk does our re-loading and Birk explained he does individual reloads. He is loading for precision accuracy. He uses ammunition with less than a varmint on the airport. Bullets are designed to disintegrate. Firearms are kept locked up here at the airport only one person has access and that is Dave Birk. No one else is cross trained. Commissioner LaMarsh stated he would like a copy of the proposal.

It was the consensus of the Board to table all other items on agenda until next meeting.

Airport Manager's Report:

Air Traffic control statistics for December were presented by Bob Snuck. Snuck also told EAA he invites them to do touch and goes to keep the numbers up. Most FBO leases require them to have a flight school, but West Star Aviation's lease does not. We could invite another FBO to come here. He asked Barry Stolz of Hanson Engineering if we could look at getting a self-service fuel farm here? If this airport loses its Part 139 certification it could be detrimental to the airport.

Announcements:

The Board recommended having a Special Board meeting on Thursday, January 27th at 4:30pm.

Commissioner Hinkle moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:33 p.m. and reconvene the Special Meeting from January 18th. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner LaMarsh-	aye
Commissioner Hinkle-	aye
Commissioner Futrell-	absent
Commissioner Ross-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	aye

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

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

Wendell Ross

Robert LaMarsh

Cody Hinkle

Christopher Herzog

Brian Keister

Steve Futrell