

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT  
September 27, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Regional Airport was held pursuant to by-laws, September 27, 2022, at the hour of 4:30P.M. On call of the roll, the following Commissioners answered present: Robert LaMarsh, Brian Keister, Steve Futrell and Amber Baileygaines. Commissioners Matt Kelly and Chris Herzog were absent Also present: Airport Director Danny Adams, Airport Attorney David Livingstone, Accounts Receivable Denine Anderson and Accounts Payable Crystal Geisen.

Commissioner LaMarsh asked the Board for a motion to nominate Commissioner Futrell for Chairman pro-tem for the meeting. Commissioner Keister moved to have Commissioner Futrell serve as Chairman pro-tem. Commissioner Baileygaines seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner LaMarsh -	aye
Commissioner Futrell-	aye
Commissioner Baileygaines-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	aye
Commissioner Herzog-	absent
Commissioner Kelly-	absent

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

Guest at the meeting were: Tom Peters and Nick Westgerdes with Famers National Company, Tim Kruckeburg with Kruckeberg Farms reintroduced himself to the Board, Ryan Tallma and Michael Kennedy with FCI, and Brad Dorsey briefly addressed the Board, David Highlander briefly addressed the Board, Ken Balsters, and Larry Schmitt all public and farmers.

Discussion/Action on Farm Land Bids was presented to the Board of Commissioners by Director Adams who stated there were nine bids received. Eight bids were cash rent, and one was not. Commissioner Keister briefed about the information or lack of information that the Board had received to make the final decision and everything that should be taken into consideration ie.. soil, sewer, drainage etc. The bids received range from \$200-\$477 per acre. Commissioner Futrell discussed his knowledge of farming that he has learned in the last three weeks along with his first-hand experience. He stated we owe it to the taxpayers to maximize the crops and the income. There are pros and cons of tills and no tills, cover crop and non-cover crop etc. Director Adams stated that we benefit if the harvest is good. They benefit if the harvest is good.

After some discussion about the lease, Tom Peters of Farmers National Company explained and gave some clarity on how current lease is written for the Board of Commissioners. Director Adams stated to reduce risk is the best for the airport. He has reviewed all the bids and has his choice/recommendation. He thinks it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to move forward with Woodland Group, LLC who was also the highest bid. Commissioner Keister would like to have more consideration in the future. Commissioner LaMarsh moved to move forward with Woodland Group, LLC as the farmer for the airport. Commissioner Futrell seconded the motion and in a roll call vote, the Commissioners voted:

Commissioner LaMarsh -	aye
Commissioner Futrell-	aye
Commissioner Baileygaines-	aye
Commissioner Keister-	no
Commissioner Herzog-	absent
Commissioner Kelly-	absent

The motion failed.

Discussion/Action on Farm Management Agreement was discussed by Commissioner Keister who expressed his disappointment in the farm management company the airport has at this time. He stated we need to consider whether the airport needs a farm manager, and if so, is Farmers National Company the correct one. He expressed going out for bids would be best for the airport. Commissioner Keister moved to terminate current farm consultant. There was no second. Motion failed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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**Matt Kelly**

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**Robert LaMarsh**

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**Amber Baileygaines**

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**Christopher Herzog**

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**Brian Keister**

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**Steve Futrell**

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