

Tri-County Airport Meeting

When: April 17, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Tri-County Airport, E2525 County Road JJ, Spring Green, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Polivka, with Commissioner Williamson, Commissioner Valtierra, Commissioner Burchill, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Carver, Brian Desmond, and Marc Higgs present. Commissioner Burchill made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion carried.

Commissioner Burchill made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Valtierra. The motion carried.

Item#6: Scheduled Appearances. None

Item#7: Public Comment. None.

Item#8: Communications. The Bureau of Aeronautics informed the Commission that the eligibility statement for the items in the recent petition had been approved.

Item#9: Discussion on and paying of bills and vouchers.

Income received: \$10,540.11

Invoices paid: \$4,211.58

The income was from fuel sales, and rent. The expense was for utilities, janitorial, cleaning of the hood and ducts at the restaurant, plumbing, and repair to the shop hangar door.

Commissioner Carver made a motion to pay bills and vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. The motion carried.

Item#10: Managers Report. Reported on was a visit to the airport by Lisa Wilson Sauk County Administrator, Repair to the hangar door, repairs to the mowing tractor by Sauk County Highway department, a new jet and hangar on the airport owned by Goldleaf Investment, and the Bureau of Aeronautics airport managers workshop on April 15.

Item# 11: Discussion and possible action on mowing and burning of ditches.

Commissioner Williamson reported on the burning of the ditches west of County Line road by the fire department.

Item#12: Discussion and possible action on Sprecher Easement. Sauk County Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond reported on the lease situation. He reported that the lease had expired on the death of Milton Sprecher and that the Bureau of Aeronautics advised against creating a new lease without the permission of the F.A.A. which could be a lengthy process.

To do so without F.A.A. permission could threaten the airports Federal grant eligibility. Brian said he would look into this process.

Item#13: Discussion and possible action on Farmland leases. The Commission discussed the farmland lease drawn up by Corp Counsel for Meadow Lane Farm. Commissioner Burchill made a motion to leave the rent at 45.00 / acre for 2025 and then put the contract out for bids in 2026, seconded by Commissioner Valtierra. The motion carried. Commissioner Carver made a motion to lower the acreage on the lease to Hartung Brothers from 36 to 33.7 acres, seconded by Commissioner Valtierra. The motion carried with Commissioner Williamson abstaining.

Item#14: Discussion and possible action on airport restaurant. The Commission reviewed a report from Fire Protection Specialists detailing many items that would need replacement in the restaurant kitchen to comply with current code, such as the grill hood, duct work, roof fan, and back plate. These items could cost as much as \$15,000.00. Considering other items in need of repair on the building such as a new roof, windows and doors it was determined that it is no longer feasible to continue the restaurant.

Item#15: Discussion and possible action on future agenda items. Commissioner Carver suggested getting a quote on replacing the gravel walk way with a concrete sidewalk.

Item#16: Adjourn. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to Adjourn until May 22, seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion carried.

Marc Higgs