

Tri-County Airport Meeting

When: June 19, 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 Lohr, Commissioner Burchill, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Valtierra, and Marc Higgs present. Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Burchill. The motion carried. Commissioner Carver 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. None.

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

Income received: \$9,713.09

Invoices paid: \$1,517.71

The income was from fuel sales, and rent. The expense was for utilities, hardware, and fuel for mowing. Commissioner Lohr made a motion to pay bills and vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Burchill. The motion carried.

Item#10: Managers Report. Reported on was the scoping meeting with Kaitlyn Schlosser from Westwood on the Master plan and the terminal building project. This was attended by Commissioner Polivka, Marc Higgs, Lisa Wilson, and several Bureau of Aeronautics people on Teams. Kaitlyn outlined the process, costs and timetable for developing the master plan. Also reported on was Bob Ewers availability for mowing of the drainage ditch, replacement of the locks on the café, the biannual inspection of the airport by Hal Davis of the B.O.A., and an incident of dumping on the airport.

Item# 11: Discussion and possible action on the terminal building sidewalk. Commissioner Carver made a motion to accept the bid from JMS Concrete for the terminal building sidewalk for \$2,968.00, seconded by Commissioner Lohr. The motion carried.

Item#12: Discussion and possible action on Master Plan. Discussion was held on what was learned at the scoping meeting. The project will take two to three years and cost approximately \$500,000.00 covered by State and Federal Grants with the Counties responsible for 2.5%. \$4,200.00 due in 2026. The project will plan future development on

the airport looking out 20 years. Part of the project will be the use of a service which uses new technology to count and identify airport users.

Item#13: Discussion and possible action on corn planted on the airport. It has come to the attention of the Commission that Mr. Sprecher has planted corn on the far East end of the airport in violation of his lease. This has been prohibited due to possible contamination of Hartungs seed corn. Mr. Sprecher said that he obtained special permission from Hartungs to do this which has not been verified. He did not consult with the airport manager. Commissioner Burchill made a motion to verify this permission with Hartungs and allow the corn to remain if Hartungs approved it, seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion carried.

Item#14: Discussion and possible action on Airport Restaurant. Marc met with CCR Company, a restaurant equipment contractor to discuss the issues with bringing the restaurant kitchen up to code compliance. Required work would include a new exhaust fan, stainless steel hood and backing, floor drain and fire suppression system. The estimate for that work was over \$28,000.00 and does not include the possible requirement of a make up air system. The Commission members agreed that considering the other issues with the building including the age and condition of the roof, doors and windows that further investment may not be justified.

Item#15: Discussion and possible action on powered paragliders. Mr. Garralts, a neighbor of the airport complained that powered paragliders were flying too low over his fields and house. He was able to take pictures of them as well. Marc informed the Commission that they are not based at Tri-County Airport but come from the Richland Airport. Commissioner Polivka was told by the Sauk County Sheriff that they have no jurisdiction over them as they are not regulated by the F.A.A.

Item#16: Adjourn. Commissioner Lohr made a motion to adjourn until July 17, seconded by Commissioner Fleming. The motion carried.

Marc Higgs