

Tri-County Airport Meeting

When: August 21, 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 Burchill, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Valtierra, Commissioner Williamson, and Marc Higgs present. Commissioner Carver made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Burchill. The motion carried. Commissioner Valtierra made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. The motion carried.

Item#6: Scheduled Appearances. None

Item#7: Public Comment. None.

Item#8: Communications. Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond responded to the Commissions question about a triple net lease for the restaurant. He said it was possible but unlikely that a restaurant operator would take that on. Gibson Akers of the Sauk County Sheriffs Department informed the Commission on their use of the terminal building for R&R and how much they appreciated it.

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

Income received: \$16,446.67

Invoices paid: \$1,280.20

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

Item#10: Managers Report. Reported on were the removal of some trees on Peck road, mowing of the ditches, wind damage to the wind sock and the restaurant on 8/10, and removal of Mr. Ramos's trailer.

Item# 11: Discussion and possible action on shop lighting. Postponed to next month.

Item#12: Discussion and possible action on Master Plan. The Commission discussed the formation of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Item# 13: Discussion and possible action on election of Vice Chair. Commissioner Carver made a motion to nominate Commissioner Williamson for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Burchill. The motion carried. There were no other nominations and Commissioner Williamson was elected Vice Chair.

Item#14: Discussion and possible action on airport restaurant. Donald Jones informed the Commission that he was no longer interested in reopening the restaurant. Marc suggested that if the Commission was not interested in renovating the kitchen with the required new hood, fan, drain and makeup air system at great expense then the oven, range, and grill should be removed to make room in the kitchen for someone to try running a Café not requiring fried food. The Commission discussed this as well as other options such as permanently closing the building.

Item#15: Discussion and possible action on providing a Courtesy Car. The Commission decided this was not necessary at this time.

Item#16: Discussion and possible action on farmland lease. The Commission discussed giving Jim Sprecher (Meadow Lane Farms) a one year extension on his lease and then putting the lease up for bids for the 2027 crop year. Mr. Sprecher had offered to raise the rent from 45.00/acre to 65.00/acre if they would do this. Discussed was the difficulty he has endured with the flooding in past years, and the runway and ditch projects that inconvenienced him. Commissioner Burchill made a motion to extend his lease for one year at \$65.00/acre provided he is issued a letter informing him that no corn can be planted and if corn is planted it will be tilled under, seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion Carried.

Item#17: Adjourn. Commissioner Carver made a motion to adjourn until September 18, seconded by Commissioner Valtierra. The motion carried.

Marc Higgs