

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AVIATION COMMITTEE

Date: August 4, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Present: Maribeth Gabert, Larry Lautenschlager, Thomas Konetzke, Robert Warnke & Koby Schellenger

Also Present: Jim Schell, Airport Director, Cameron Hallock, Deputy Airport Director; Mark Dyni, ATC; Jared Huss, FVTC; Sean Elliott & Jim Busha, EAA; Rob Keller, Supv. Dist. 32; Tricia Rathermel, GO-EDC; Sandy Forsgren, Terry Rushing, Tom Gabert & Fred Stadler, tenants

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. **Approve Minutes of July 7, 2021:** Supv. Warnke moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2021, seconded by Supv. Lautenschlager. Motion carried 5/0.
2. **Public Comments on agenda items or any items under the jurisdiction of this committee:** None.
3. **Airport Director's Report:**
 - a) *GA Terminal Project Update:* Mr. Schell stated we are continuing to work with the contractor, architect and rest of the project team on finishing up punch list items.

Phase II work, which consists of demolition of the old terminal and parking lots has begun with hazmat remediation in the old terminal. The primary demolition work is scheduled to begin toward the end of August. Many items in the old building have been re-purposed to other County departments including furnishings and fixtures.
 - b) *AirVenture Recap:* Mr. Schell gave an overview on a safe and successful AirVenture week including attendance and aircraft operations numbers. Also noted was the co-hosted booth between Airport Staff, GO-EDC and the City in Exhibit Hall D which generated additional leads for the Aviation Business Park development.
4. **Operations & Maintenance Report – Peter Rausch:** Mr. Rausch gave the committee a report on the work his staff performed over the course of the last month to prepare the airfield for AirVenture operations. This included temporary paint markings, signage changes and other physical modifications to convert the field into it's AirVenture configuration. In addition, mowing operations were undertaken all the way until the days prior to the event to ensure the grounds were in top shape. Mr. Rausch also outlined the upcoming work to convert the field back to normal operations which is already underway.
5. **EAA Report:** Mr. Elliott gave an overview of the event statistics. Overall, attendance was only approximately 5% under 2019's level. It was a strong return for AirVenture after the year off and very well received by those in attendance.
6. **Chairman's Report:** Supv. Gabert mentioned an update on the Master Plan and 2022 Operating Budget for next month's meeting.
7. **Committee Member Statements/Suggestions/Items for Future Agenda:** None.
8. **Set Next Meeting Date:** Next meeting is set for September 1, 2021.
9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Supv. Konetzke, seconded by Supv. Schellenger. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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