

**DEKALB TAYLOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 26, 2019**

Chairman Bob Owens called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Roll Call: Bob Owens, Gary Hanson, Bernard Pupino and Matt Duffy.

Absent: James Ryan, James Rhoades and Paul Borek

Guests: DeKalb City Manager – Bill Nicklas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Motion by Gary Hanson. Seconded by Bernie Pupino. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Motion by Bernie Pupino. Seconded by Matt Duffy. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion of the Airport Strategic Planning/Marketing Presentation by Mr. Jack Penning of Volaire Aviation – All Airport Advisory Board members that were present at the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation Airport Luncheon said the Mr. Jack Penning did an excellent job explaining to the approximately 100 people in attendance, the new strategic plan of the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport.

The importance of the airport to the region was discussed. Changes are on their way with strategic improvements. Ensuring that the plans for the future of the airport are long term.

The economic impact of the airport was discussed. The AAB talked about the success we have had with federal funding over the last 20 years. The AAB discussed how important it is to educate the community of the value of the airport.

City Manager Bill Nicklas discussed the importance of the airport and that we need to improve it as much as we can. FAA Part 139 Limited Commercial Airport Certification was discussed along with future federally funded construction projects.

The AAB discussed how to get airport marketing material to the community during all the summer events in DeKalb. Airport Manager Tom Cleveland will research what we can do for these events.

Airport Manager Tom Cleveland told the AAB that Mr. Penning would be coming back in June to discuss the airport survey, that is on our website, and to discuss a new Airport Marketing Plan.

Airport Manager Tom Cleveland was asked to update the aviation fuel sales chart that Mr. Penning used in his presentation for the next AAB meeting.

Airport Managers Report - Airport Manager Tom Cleveland discussed the Jet Fuel program. Because of the weather this winter, January, and it looks like February, will have a low volume of fuel purchases.

The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) construction project was approved by City Council.

Winter operations were discussed. Many of the airport's large snow removal equipment had major break downs which were very costly to repair.

The aircraft deicing truck is operational again.

The NIU Basketball Teams and their opponents are flying in and out of DeKalb Airport with 30 passenger aircraft.

The DeKalb County Health Department Electronics recycling program will be at the airport again on May 4th and September 7th.

Airport Farm Leases were approved by City Council.

MOTION TO ADJOURN- Motion by Bernie Pupino. Seconded by Matt Duffy. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes – Approved March 26, 2019