

UNION COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The Union County Airport Authority held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. This meeting was held at the Union County Airport, 760 Clymer Road, Marysville, Ohio and was called to order at 3:55 pm by Vice president Phillip LaPointe. The following members and guests were present: Mr. Ken Denman, Mr. Steve Koenig, Mr. John Popio, Mr. Bob Chapman, Mr. Shaun Bailey, and Mr. Bruce Rausch attended via phone, Mr. David Lawrence, Union County Commissioner, Mr. David Gotschell and David Wall from Woolpert, Mr. David Holden and Mr. Steve Wieringa from Skyvista and Mr. Bill Narducci County Administrator.

Mr. Koenig motioned to accept the January minutes, Mr. Denman second. Motion passed. Mr. Koenig motioned to accept the list of bills presented. Mr. Popio second. Motion passed. Mr. Rausch motioned to accept the Bylaws presented to the group. Mr. Denman second. Motion passed. Mr. LaPointe presented the board with Mr. Popio's letter of resignation as president of the board. He will continue his term on the board. The board wishes to thank Mr. Popio for all the work he has done for the board during his 10+ years as president. Mr. Denman motioned to appoint Mr. LaPointe as the New President of the board and Mr. Koenig as Vice President. Mr. Bailey second. The board approved this new slate of officers unanimously.

New By-Laws were unanimously approved.

Mr. Lapointe reported that he and Mr. Popio attended the FAA planning meeting. He stated that the FAA turned down the request to reimburse the board for the 1.7 acres purchased last year. They stated that the reason was because the appraisals were not done in a timely manner as per their protocols. Mr. Koenig suggested that the board put this request to them in writing and to emphasize the fact that time was of the essence and doing the appraisals would most likely have caused the board to lose the ability to buy this land as other buyers were interested. His hope is that they may change their minds if presented with a written document and reasoning for not doing the appraisals. Some discussion was had regarding the building of new T Hangars. Possible use of AIP and Bills money was discussed as possible revenue sources for this project. Hopefully, with this money and the money the board has on hand, the loan costs would be such that the county might be able to borrow it from the County and therefore the board wouldn't have to do a bond.

The board also discussed Roof Management's request for a long-term lease of the Single volume hangar. The board is open to this lease and asked Roof Management submit their proposal in writing to the board and then negotiations can begin. Mr. Chapman mentioned that a change of use of that building may need to be obtained if offices and restrooms are to be added. Also, roof issues need to be resolved.

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Skyvista reported that all leases have been signed and returned. They also reported that 2 planes in two of the hangars are not air worthy and asked the board's advice as to how to handle this. Mr. Koenig stated that the management of the T Hangars are Skyvista's responsibility and the board will stand by their decision. They will check with the prosecutor's office if the decision is made to evict. Mr. Wieringa reported that several hangars are leaking and need work. He will get estimates to fix these issues and report back to the board. He also reminded the board that there are 2 office windows that are leaking and need replaced. Mr. Rausch will get an estimate for this and see if they can be replaced when the remodeling is done. Mr. Holden reported that there were people shooting guns on the airport property last Saturday. Police were called and they were arrested. It was recommended that lights be added to the parking lot area as it is very dark there. Mr. Narducci will check with Mr. Gray at the Prosecutor's to check the status of the FBO contract. He will try to get this moved along so that it can be signed as soon as possible. He will also look into the ponds around the airport that are supposed to be dry and how the tile is being addressed. The board explained that this should be done before spring and planting season. Flooding of this area will hinder planting.

Mr. Rausch reported that the room remodel should begin in March. The contract for the balloon rally has not been signed. The board wants to be included in those talks and make sure all concerns are addressed.

Woolpert gave their report (see attached). Mr. Popio stated that the liability insurance will be due in April. He asked for the company to quote 1 million, 3 million, and 5 million.

Mr. Bailey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm. Mr. Denman second. Motion passed. The next meeting of the Board will be March 14, 2023, and will be held at the Airport beginning at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda K Thrush
Secretary