

BUTLER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
August 10, 2023
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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| MEMBERS ATTENDING: | Michael Walsh Vic Green | Chad Weaver Joyce Schnur | Andrew Allen Jim Harjer |
| OTHERS ATTENDING: | Kim Geyer, Butler County Comm. Matt Steele, AirQuest Aviation Rob Stern Jerry and Mary Anne Mendel John and Judy Barron Cathy Waller Brian Harsh Caris Doss Dan Matthews Josie Shoemaker Terje and Diane Rogne | Mike Pawk, Solicitor John and Jennifer Mabold Rob Palmieri Doug and Amber Rasp Dale and Pam Rile Mark and Sharon McLaughlin Paul Suttleworth Joe and Karen Linscott Chuck and Donna Cahall Robert and Judith Petrick Mark and Amanda Giles | |

CALL TO ORDER:

- The July meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Michael Walsh. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
- Chairman Walsh informed the public that prior to the meeting, there was an executive session where personnel and lease issues were discussed.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

- Chairman Walsh verified that a quorum was present.

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2023 MEETING:

- Schnur motioned to approve the June 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Harjer seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously with no additions or corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No correspondence was discussed.

ATTENDEE COMMENTS:

- Nineteen local community members spoke regarding the increased amount of aircraft traffic.

Comments included:

- Constant "noise pollution" that has been not stop. Every "20 seconds" when flight training is underway.
- There's traffic all day and night.
- What can be done? Can the traffic pattern be altered?
- Hard to work from home with constant traffic in the pattern. Can the traffic schedule, speed, engine power be altered?
- What are the safety issues with additional traffic.
- With the low flying traffic, no longer able to work from home or enjoy the deck/outdoors.
- Aircraft are flying lower than normal.

- Concerned about traffic over local school.
 - Looking for a new house. "It's a whole different level of noise."
 - Worried about more noise in the future.
 - Property value and safety is the main concern.
 - Not worried about commercial/professional pilots but rather the student pilots that are low flying. Are the flight schools aware of the concerns?
 - Traffic has ramped up over the last year or so. It's like living under a plane racetrack.
 - Can other airports be used for the flight training.
 - Young children can't sleep.
 - The large volume of training is turning away corporate flights.
- Chairman Walsh stated that we will address the flight schools with concerns.

MANAGER REPORT:

- Board members have been staffing the office over the past month. Accounts payable and receivable have been processed. The bookkeeping is in good order. Invoices are now being produced and emailed to hangar tenants.
- Airport maintenance and grounds keeping are in order.

Events:

- The Pittsburgh Vintage Grade Prix held their event on Thursday, July 20th. All additional tickets were sold benefiting the Future of Flight Scholarship.
- Comments were received from hangar tenants asking about future events and when their aircraft would be moved outside.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

- The 2023 scholarship application to be presented over the next few months and are to be awarded at the end of the year.
- This year's two events funded the scholarship account more than \$36,0000.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Control Tower: Dr. Dave Byers with Quadrex Aviation has reached out to AirQuest and High Flight Academy. Tower benefit analysis and application is almost complete. Waiting on information from the FAA to complete the cost benefit portion. To be submitted shortly.

The local FAA Office in Pittsburgh has been contacted and are engaged in the conversation. The Board discussed the option of an "emergency" tower in the immediate future.

- The Administration Building rehab is almost complete. Waiting on the final walk through.

- Electrical Contract with Total Energy Resources is valid through March 2024. Additional information was supplied to the Board. Weaver motions to extend the contract for two years using Dynegy through March of 2026. Harjer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Walsh commented that an offer of employment had recently been presented for the Office Manager position. No response was received as of the meeting.

- Airport Manager search is continuing.

NEW BUSINESS:

-The website is currently offline and will be reactivated shortly.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

-County projects continue to make progress.

FINICIAL REPORT:

-The previous month's financial reports will be reviewed and presented at a later time. Weaver motioned to accept the Accounts Payable Report as presented. Harjer seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Green gave thanks to all of those that have helped with the office duties.

ATTENDEE COMMENTS:

Nothing additional.

ADJOURMENT:

Harjer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor.