

BUTLER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
July 13, 2023
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Michael Walsh Chad Weaver Andrew Allen
Vic Green Joyce Schnur Jim Harjer
Jason Kratsas

OTHERS ATTENDING: Kim Geyer, Butler County Comm. Mike Pawk, Solicitor
Harlan and Mary Jo Simons William Pitts, Butler Eagle
Stan Pavkovich and Matt Steele, AirQuest Aviation
Dave Byers – Quadrex Aviation

CALL TO ORDER:

-The July meeting was called to order at 7:02 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.

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2023 MEETING:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

-No correspondence were discussed.

ATTENDEE COMMENTS:

-None.

MANAGER REPORT:

-Administration Building renovations are almost complete. Waiting on back ordered siding panels to complete the exterior work. Water pressure issue to be addressed with a pressure tank and/or a different sized water line.

-Electrical Contract with Total Energy Resources is valid through March 2024. New contract was sent to review. A 1 year contract at a fixed rate was presented. Currently saving approximately ½ of what the non-contract price would be. A vote was tabled as some members would like additional information.

-Runway Extension conversations with PennDOT BOA continue. An additional safety overrun on the western side of the airport have been the main points of discussion.

-NW ramp repaving will be discussed at the August planning session with the PennDOT BOA.

Events:

-Penn Township VFD Mega Cruise on July 8th was a success. Comments and concerns have been received by tenants who have leased indoor hangar space and are moved outdoor for events.

-The Pittsburgh Vintage Grade Prix will host an event on Thursday, July 20th. Additional tickets are available that will benefit the Future of Flight Scholarship.

SCHOLORSHIP COMMITTEE:

-The June 26th deck opening party that benefited the Future of Flight Scholarship was a success. The Howard Family was honored for their contributions. Over \$29,000 was added to the fund for new scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Airport Manager and office staff search is underway. There are a number of in person interviews scheduled within the week.

-Alpha Three Aviation inquired about leasing Suite 4 (“the old pilot lounge”) in the lower level of Administration Building. Weaver made the motion to lease the space. Harjer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Allen abstained.

-There was a discussion regarding opening the new deck during business hours on Monday and Tuesdays for the public to use. Access will be from the external stairs.

-Dr. Dave Byers with Quadrex Aviation presented an overview on applying for a federally funded control tower. The Federal Contract Tower Program (FCT) at other airports has shown to have increased safety and airport efficiency at a much lower cost than a traditional federally owned and operated tower. Benefits include greater airborne safety and traffic separation, increased safety with ground operations including runway incursions, and better air traffic efficiencies. To become a candidate for the program, the benefit cost over 15 years must meet 1 to 1. The next step is to validate the data that is to be presented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

-The new water line extension on the airport is now complete and is part of the other major investments within county. These county projects span county wide and add a significant benefits to the county.

FINICIAL REPORT:

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

GOOD AND WELFARE:

A big thanks and congratulations to Joyce Schnur for all her help and success with the scholarship event.

ATTENDEE COMMENTS:

Nothing additional.

ADJOURMENT:

Harjer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Schnur seconded the motion. All were in favor.