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**DELTA COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2024, 8:30 a.m.
REGULAR MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Delta County Airport Advisory Board was held this date pursuant to the Delta County Airport Advisory Board Schedule for 2024 at **8:31 a.m.** Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brian Herioux, Chair; Will Carne; Commissioner Jensen; Commissioner Van Ginhoven; Brad Reed; Robert Ranstadler, Airport Manager; and Robyn Morrison, Assistant Airport Manager.

ABSENT: DeeDee Anderson-Skradski, Vice Chair (vacation); and Jay Bostwick (sick).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT (INCLUDING ANY OFFICIALS EXTERIOR TO THE AIRPORT BOARD OR AIRPORT MANAGEMENT): Ashleigh Young, Delta County Administrator; Kylie Kalishek, Bladed Boutique, Proprietor; Florence Kalishek; Dave Lambert; Diane Lambert; Sam Wils, private pilot (Minneapolis, MN); Noah Ketchum, private pilot and Member of Bay de Noc Flying Club; Dennis Hopkins, private pilot and tenant at large; Barbara Bellinger, TV6 News; and Lily Simmons, WZMQ 19 News.

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Kylie Kalishek Main Terminal Mural Proposal

Ms. Kalishek provided a short presentation detailing her family's past as it relates to aviation history and the history of Delta County. She further proposed that the Airport Board and Management consider replacing the current Main Terminal mural with a piece of art or memorabilia relevant to her family's and Delta County's aviation history.

The Board and Management expressed that they were receptive of this idea and looked forward to collaborating with Ms. Kalishek in the future.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 9/16/2024. Motion to approve minutes from previous meetings by Commissioner Jensen, supported by Chair Herioux. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 10/14/2024. Motion to approve agenda by Mr. Carne, supported by Chair Herioux. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

VII. AIRPORT TENANT ISSUES: None

VIII. REPORTS

A. Management Report: Attached

Mr. Reed asked about the safety issues that went left unattended, which were mentioned in the Executive Summary of the Management Report. Airport Manager Ranstadler explained that there was a frayed cable in the Bay de Noc Flying Club Hangar, which needed replaced, as well as a substantial amount of aluminum siding at the FedEx Sorting Center that needed to be repaired/replaced prior to winter.

B. Financial: Attached

C. PFC Account/Project Update: Attached (see Management Report)

Airport Manager Ranstadler shared his frustration that little to no progress was made in this area, due to the general unresponsiveness of Primary Airport Services as well as the FAA Auditor repeatedly claiming that he was waiting on inputs from his supervisors. Several members of the Board requested that the Airport Manager obtain the FAA Auditor's supervisor information, so that person could be contacted directly.

D. Commercial Air Service: August MTD: 1594 (- 70 from September 2023); YTD: 11,680 (+671 from YTD 2023)

E. Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP): Attached

IX. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2023-24 Airport Budget Review

The Board and Management, as well as Administrator Young, spent several minutes discussing the findings in the report. They additionally discussed the progress of changes taking place with the current budget in response to the items noted in the report.

2. Final Review & County Board Pre-Presentation of Fuel Supply Agreement

Mr. Reed asked the Airport Manager about any significant changes to the final contracts included in the Board Packet. The Manager responded that he included a uniform agreement and cause clause in the Fuel Supply Agreement, VINs for the applicable trucks in the lease agreements, and AEG purchasing all FBO software as part of the X-1FBO Agreement.

Mr. Carne motioned to forward all agreements, with recommendations for execution, to the County Board of Commissioners. Chair Herioux Seconded. Motion unanimously CARRIED.

3. Airport Administration Compensation Endorsement

Commissioner Van Ginhoven motioned to table any increases in Airport Administration salary pending annual performance reviews that are past due for both the Manager and Assistant Manager. Chair Herioux seconded. Business TABLED.

- X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (OTHER THAN AGENDA):** *Mr. Wils and Mr. Ketchum spoke at length about their dissatisfaction with the proposed 2023-24 Airport Fee Schedule and current fuel prices. In particular, they opposed the idea of charging single-engine or dual-engine piston-aircraft landing or facility fees. Mr. Wils claimed that the fees and fuel prices were unfair and some of the most expensive in the county. Both men also mentioned that the General Aviation community, as a whole, opposes the idea of using APSB data to track and collect landing fees.*

Management offered to sit and speak with both men following the meeting.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at **9:44 a.m.** made by Commissioner Van Ginhoven, seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

Next Board Meeting November 11, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Robert C. Ranstadler
Airport Manager

Brian Herioux
Airport Board Chair