

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2005-01 OF THE
LOGANSPOUT/CASS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY ("LCCAA")
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ("BOARD")
HELD MAY 18, 2005 at the LOGANSPOUT CASS COUNTY AIRPORT ("Airport")**

Attendance:

Board Members: Mark Hildebrandt
Charles "Tad" Wilkinson
Pat McNarny
Jim Steinberger
Bob Barr
Paul Hipsher

Guest: Tim Dalton, Airport Manager
Don Tribbett, Airport Authority Attorney
Larry Creakbaum, Mid-States Engineering
Luke Reynolds, Mid-States Engineering
Nolan "Skip" Kuker
Dave Kitchell, Pharos Tribune
Ronald Gilbert
Steve Kain
Bernard Slusser
Rex Slusser
Jack and Esther Lyons
Charles and Mary Cotner
Dee Ann Fiedler
Martha Cotner
Harry Burkhart
Darwin Burkhart
Paul and Marty Plavnick
Sandra Knutson
Bob Minick

Call to Order:

The hearing was called to order by the President, Mark Hildebrandt.

Public Comment

Airport Manager Tim Dalton submitted a two (2) letters he received in support of the road closure. The first letter was from the Logansport Cass County Industrial Park Board which stated that they are in support of the closure for airport expansion. The second letter submitted was from Cass County Highway Engineer Jodi Coblentz and read:

"This letter is express my support as the Cass County Highway Engineer for the closure of CR 50 E. between CR 350 S and CR 400 S. for the purpose of the airport expansion. I have evaluated several alternatives including a new road that would curve around the end of the airport and even a tunnel under the airport. I conclude that none of these alternatives is cost effective considering the detour length. I am however, continuing to evaluate the future traffic needs that will be created by the closure of CR 50 E. I believe that we need to consider upgrading CR 150 E. (Morgan Hill Road) and possibly portions of CR 400 S. I am currently conducting a traffic engineering study and hope to have the results by July. I will be evaluating anticipated traffic movements to determine roadway upgrades, turn lanes, or other aspects that will be necessary as a result of the closure."

Harry Burkhart read two letters regarding response time for emergency services. The Logansport Fire Department letter stated that the road closure would result in an increase response time of 1 minute 5 seconds. The second letter was from the Logansport Memorial Hospital and it stated that EMS response time would be reasonable.

Bernard Slusser spoke about the inconvenience that the road closure would cause and that if a new road was constructed it would have to be at least 24' wide to accommodate farm machinery.

Sondra Knutson stated that from her house, just south of CR 400S on CR 50 E, to the edge of Clinton Street (YMCA) was .9 miles longer by not using CR 50 E. She also stated that she went to the YMCA everyday for exercise.

Harry Burkhart added to Bernard Slusser's comments about the difficulty to farm equipment and asked about utilities.

Darwin Burkhart stated that he didn't believe that the people in attendance truly represented the number that would attend if they understood what was going on. He said that he, along with the other Cass County taxpayers, paid for that road and that the taxpayers should be paid for that road and inconvenience. He said that if he thought lengthening the runway would bring good paying jobs to Cass County he would be the first to support it. He also stated that he did not think that we have the workforce here or a commitment from any business to do that.

Bernard Slusser said that he felt the cart was ahead of the horse and that we need to get the business here first then the runway extension. He said that the taxpayers are going to pay for it after the federal funds are used and that it does not benefit him at all.

Rex Slusser suggested that the road be closed for a month to see what the impact of a permanent closure would be.

Bob Minick stated that he did not understand why money needed to be spent on new facilities when it will only benefit a few.

Harry Burkhart stated that in a meeting, approximately 3 months ago, that the FAA did not like for airports or runways to be within 10,000' of a land fill and asked who is responsible when a bird strike causes an accident.

Bernard Slusser asked why, if the County was counting on you (the Airport Authority) to close the road, why where repairs made to it last year.

Jack Lyons said that these people don't realize that the federal government puts up 95% of the funds and that they have the money to blow, so let's blow it. The money comes from people boarding commercial planes and other aviation users. The runway is to close to the highway and has to be extended across CR 50 E, the hangars and building are already to close to the runway. It's not a good deal, but these people have to fix it.

Proofs of publication for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2005-01 were filed with the Board and the Boards attorney advised that notice of the hearing was published in accordance with state law. Tim Dalton also submitted proof of certified mailing to adjacent property owners in accordance with state law.

Mark Hildebrandt closed the hearing by thanking everyone who attended and stated that, as a Board, they would discuss what everyone had to offer and would proceed from there.

THEREUPON, there being no further business to come before the hearing, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the hearing thereupon adjourned.

Secretary
Logansport Cass County Airport Authority

Approved:

President
Logansport Cass County Airport Authority