

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LOGANSPORT/CASS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (“LCCAA”)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (“BOARD”)  
HELD JUNE 15, 2005 at the LOGANSPORT CASS COUNTY AIRPORT (“Airport”)**

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:**        **Mark Hildebrandt  
Charles “Tad” Wilkinson  
Pat McNarny  
Jim Steinberger  
Paul Hipsher**

**Bob Barr was absent from the meeting.**

**Guest:**                    **Tim Dalton, Airport Manager  
Don Tribbett, Airport Authority Attorney  
Larry Creakbaum, Mid-States Engineering  
Mark Shillington, Mid-States Engineering  
Mayor Mike Fincher, City of Logansport  
Ralph Anderson, Cass County Council  
Tom Keplar, Cass County Council  
Dave Kitchell, Pharos Tribune  
Matt Gremelspacher  
Harry Burkhart  
Bill Fouts  
Doris Fouts  
Bernard Slusser  
Rex Slusser  
Larry Slusser  
Alvin Mennen  
Tim Chambers**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

The meeting agenda was distributed for review. On a motion duly made by Paul Hipsher and seconded by Tad Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**Approval of the Minutes**

On a motion duly made by Tad Wilkinson and seconded by Paul Hipsher, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 18 meeting and public hearing.

**Public Comments**

Bill Fouts stated that he used to be a pilot, but he is concerned about the road closure. He doesn't think the runway should be increased at this time.

Harry Burkhart stated that he was against closing the road and felt that closing the road would inconvenience many for the benefit of a few. He mentioned the possibility of a tunnel under the extended runway and relocating the road as alternative.

Bernard Slusser stated that people are leaving Logansport and he doesn't see the need to extend the runway.

Matt Gremelspacher stated that he makes 5 or 6 trips a day using CR 50 E and that by closing the road people will go to Kokomo to shop.

Tim Chambers stated that he was not supportive since jets come in over his house and he doesn't see why companies cannot use Grissom or Kokomo.

Rex Slusser mentioned drainage issues and why drainage is not being addressed prior to the extension.

Alvin Mennen wanted to know how he is represented on the Board. He is interested in where his tax dollars are going and wants to see a farmer on the Board so his views are represented. He said that too many homes are for sale in Logansport and the extension should be held off until the economy improves.

Ralph Anderson stated that although the Board is not elected, they are appointed by elected officials from the City and County. He further stated that this Board was appointed to improve the Airport for economic development. He said that he has heard statements from a lot of people that companies need the longer runway.

Larry Slusser mentioned a news story he saw that discussed the development of smaller jets and how they needed smaller runways.

### **Engineer Report**

Larry Creakbaum discussed the apron project and that the pre construction meeting has been held and that the contractor is waiting on steel.

Larry Creakbaum presented the Board a schedule for the runway extension project as follows:

June 22, 2005	Advertise for Environmental Assessment (EA) Public Hearing
August 3, 2005	Public Hearing (EA)
August 17, 2005	Sign Engineering Contract for Design
February 15, 2006	Advertise for Construction Bids (Subject to Congressional Appropriation)
March 15, 2006	Open Construction Bids
April 19, 2006	Start Construction
July 31, 2006	Complete Construction

Mark Hildebrandt asked what was the budget amount necessary for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) to continue. Larry Creakbaum stated that the program must be funded to \$3.2 billion.

Jim Steinberger mentioned that the Board would need the proposed Engineering Contract for Design to review and identify the scope prior to the August 17 meeting. He also stated that the design would need to take into consideration drainage.

Larry Creakbaum discussed the EA hearing and presented the Board with a draft notice for publication. Larry Creakbaum stated that the draft EA Report would be available to Tim Dalton by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. On a motion duly made by Jim Steinberger and seconded by Tad Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to set the date for the public hearing for August 3, 2005 and that Tim Dalton handle all required notices.

Pat McNarny asked if the hearing is limited to environmental issues. Mark Shillington stated that hearing is required by the FAA and National Environmental Protection Act and limits the hearing to environmental issues. Don Tribbett asked if the notice was a form notice and stated that he would want to discuss this with Mid-States.

Larry Creakbaum stated that we should have received a report from the FAA regarding the ALP which list items that need to be addressed prior to approval of the ALP. He stated that there are four (4) or five (5) minor items that need to be addressed and would be done by the end of August.

### **Old Business**

#### **Capital Improvement Program / INDOT Meeting**

Mark Hildebrandt discussed the June 8<sup>th</sup> INDOT meeting also attended by Don Tribbett, Tim Dalton, and Jim Steinberger and stated that it was informative and encouraging. Jim Steinberger stated that it was a very positive and talked about the funding aspect and that INDOT stated that we could use available funds to start projects in advance

of federal funding and that it would not jeopardize future funding and in fact would encourage federal funding. He went on to say that INDOT stated that we must take care of airside projects first, meaning we need to work from the center line out. Tad Wilkinson asked about utilities and how that would be viewed. Larry Creakbaum stated that utilities are ineligible for AIP funding unless tied to a new terminal building and would be a low priority. Mark Hildebrandt stated that what Don Tribbett mentioned in a previous meeting was correct. We strengthen our funding efforts by focusing on priority items and weaken our efforts by going after low priority projects. Tim Dalton commented that he felt that INDOT was pleased to see such an aggressive Board. Jim Steinberger talked about the issue of the risk of advance funding the runway project and felt that not doing so was a risk as well. On a motion duly made by Jim Steinberger and seconded by Pat McNarny, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the plan presented by Mid-States to extend the runway.

#### **Ordinance No. 2005-01**

No action was taken.

#### **New Business**

##### **Payables for Approval**

Tim Dalton presented to the Board a list of Airport payables totaling \$9,087.80. On a motion duly made by Pat McNarny and seconded by Paul Hipsher, the Board voted unanimously to approve all payables.

##### **Airport Manager Comments**

Tim Dalton mentioned that Modern Graphics is putting together the Chambers brochure and they want to display the Airport on the cover.

##### **President & Board Member Comments**

Mark Hildebrandt thanked everyone that attended the INDOT meeting and stated that they were excited and encouraging.

Tad Wilkinson stated that he was reappointed today for a four year term. He also asked if the budget committee could meet on July 12 instead of July 13. Tim Dalton will coordinate with Paige Gregory regarding the date change.

Jim Steinberger stated that this is his last Board meeting and that he has enjoyed working with everyone. He stated that he would continue to support the efforts of the Board since he felt it was for the betterment of the community.

##### **Meeting Schedule**

The next regular meeting of the LCCAA is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at 5:30 PM, at the Airport.

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

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Secretary  
Logansport Cass County Airport Authority

Approved:

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President  
Logansport Cass County Airport Authority