

Blair Airport Authority Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Agenda #1 - The Blair Airport Authority met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM and called to order by Chairperson Johnson.

The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Enterprise or the Pilot -Tribune as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the members of the Blair Airport Authority and the agenda is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Blair Airport Authority of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll call of members - The following were present: Wes Baedke, Dan Hunt, Dave Johnson, Faye Jones, Marty Rump. Also present: City Administrator Green, Assistant City Administrator Barrow, and Heather Olson, Olsson.

Agenda Item #3 - Approval of minutes from the February 18, 2025 Meeting - Motion by Faye Jones, second by Dan Hunt to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting as presented. Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Yea. All members voted: Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 - Financial Reports for February, 2025 – Authority Member Rump requested further clarification regarding claims and which project numbers they pertain to. He requested to receive a copy of a project list with a description. Motion by Marty Rump, second by Wes Baedke to approve the financial reports for February 2025 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Yea. All Board members voted: Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 - Consider Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Consulting Services with Olsson for the "Southeast Corporate Hangar Expansion – Grading and Storm Sewer Improvements" by adding identification of soil disturbance limits, wetland delineation, clearing of the ditch south of the new storm sewer outlet, installation of sanitary sewer main, septic tank, and associated drain field for an additional fee of "Not-to-Exceed" \$27,300. – City Administrator Green reviewed the amendment. Authority member Johnson asked for further explanation of identification of soil disturbance limits. City Administrator Green clarified there are federal rules regarding disturbances in areas designated as wetlands and there is concern that there may be some in the mentioned area. A specialist will clarify the property line and determine whether it is a wetland or not. The goal for the airport is to remove all trees and have no future tree growth. Olson clarified that trees can be cut down in designated wetlands, but the stumps cannot be removed. Due to the initial grading bids being lower than estimated, the Authority was able to expand the scope of the project to include the referenced additions in this Agenda item. Olson corrected the amount from \$27,300 to \$58,700. Motion by Dan Hunt, second by Marty Rump to amend amount

from \$27,300 to \$58,700. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Yea. All Board members voted: Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried. Motion by Marty Rump, second by Wes Baedke to approve the contract as amended to not exceed \$58,700. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Yea. All Board members voted: Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 - Public notice regarding comments to the FAA regarding the decommission of the Fremont Runway (RWY) 14 End Identifier Lights (REILs) – City Administrator Green reviewed a public notice from the FAA regarding the decommission of the Fremont Runway 14 End Identifier Lights. There is not anything that needs to be done but if either the Authority or the public has any comments, they may contact the FAA. Authority member Johnson asked for verification that this does not affect Blair Airport. Olson confirmed that the notice only pertains to those to the Fremont lights which are owned by the FAA. The Blair Airports are operated by owner.

Agenda Item #7. Reports:

1) SkyWerx – No Report.

2) Maintenance – Assistant Administrator Barrow reported a significant repair was needed on the OPD hanger door. A cast aluminum bracket on the gear box near a drive belt snapped due to the temperature outside being -24 degrees. Authority member Jones asked about the de-icing runway spray with impending storms. City Administrator Green and Chairperson Johnson followed up with input regarding the frustration with the current product. The Authority will research alternative products this summer in preparation for next winter.

3) Update on Current Construction Projects/Airport Manager's Report, and 4) Airport Manager's Report - City Administrator Green combined the construction project update and the airport manager's report. The runway land purchase is nearly complete. Currently, there is a clause in the agreement that the Blair Airport can back out if the FAA does not follow through with the grant. In the event this occurs, Buss could keep the \$20,000 earnest money. This would be unacceptable as it would be no fault of the Authorities. There was also some concern about the property line and the farming of the Petersen property. An agreement has been negotiated that for this year Buss will be allowed to farm the Peterson property and the Authority will get \$10,000 of earnest money back if the FAA grant is denied. Rock from the Petersen property will be removed and used on a different project. Olsen gave an update confirming debris cleanup is nearly complete and will do a final walk through in ten days. Grading and movement of county road will begin in spring or fall of 2026. Bids will begin on April 9th for the south side sanitary sewer work. City Administrator Green mentioned that for the March agenda planning meeting he, Authority member Johnson, Authority member Hunt, Heather Olsen, and staff met with Tim Hauder and discussed long-term vision. The only remaining work for buildable hangers will be water and taxi lanes. Mr. Hauder confirmed that having the fire protection flow would be a game changer for corporate hangers. The director of the aeronautics division will be at the airport on Thursday, March 20th at 2:00 pm. City Administrator Green encouraged all Authority members to attend.

Agenda Item #8. Motion and second by Board members to adjourn the meeting - Motion by Wes Baedke, second by Faye Jones to adjourn the meeting 7:33 pm Wes Baedke: Board members voted as follows: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Yea. All Board members voted: Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Marty Rump, Secretary

Angel Clements, Recording Secretary