

# **SHELBY COUNTY AIRPORT and LANDING FIELD COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**March 6, 2022**

Members present at meeting:

Commissioners--Walt Lookofsky, Paul Canaday, John Hall, Steve Wempen

County Board Members--Carol Cole

Airport Manager--Scott Jefson

Others Present--**Jake Cole**, Jim Schwerman, Brenda Elder, **Chris Boehm**

Walt calls the meeting to order.

Walt has Jim start with his farm report. Jim updates the Commission on what crops are going to be planted at the different locations. Also should be done with the wheat crop by June and then double crop beans. Jim said he had sold \$37,000 worth of soy beans and that the money should be in the account shortly, leaving 1700 bushel left to price. Jim said beans were currently at \$15.14 and was thinking about selling another 700 bushel. Jim asks Scott about the tree project across the road and Scott said with the weather and all not much has been done. Scott ask Jim if he was going to put any urea on and Jim said at least one pass and possibly two. Jim said he thought it was going to be a good year and excused himself.

Walt asks Brenda Elder if she had anything she wanted to discuss and Carol said that she had ask Brenda to attend the meeting because after attending the previous monthly meeting and was impressed with what the Commission had to say, that she thought that Economic Development needs to promote the airport to see if they couldn't get some kind of revenue or whatever, just see what she could do for the airport. Carol also said that after being at the airport and seeing all the good things that go on at the airport, that the public needs to know more of what goes on such as the opportunity to take flying lessons. Also that there is a new flying club at the airport now. Carol said that she thought that Brenda could help accomplish that for the airport.

Brenda said that a few years back she had done an article about the airport, its history and such, but if there were new things like flying lessons or anything that the airport would like people to know, let her know. John mentions that the airport is planning a car show in the near future. Brenda asks John what the date was for the car show and John said that it was going to be discussed later in the meeting. Brenda said she could stay for the rest of the meeting and here what's going on and possibly come up with some kind of article, email it for approval, and John said any suggestions or help, if we're going to do this, would be welcomed.

Chris Boehm asks what the airports social media presence is. Scott said there is a facebook page called the Shelby County Pilots Association or something close to it and it's run by Ryan Spain, one our local pilots.

Some discussion ensued on the subject. Brenda said that she had the Shelby County IL Face Book page, which is economic development and then she does historical articles around the county, so she could use both of those options and also her own page that she could put flyers out. Brenda said there's about 6000 people that watch the IL page and that could be helpful.

Walt asks Chris or Jake if they had anything they wanted to say. **Jake said he wanted Chris to here more about the grant the airport was to receive and didn't. Steve mentions that the airport didn't lose any grant that the grant is there for us to use whenever we want but because of the county not being able to comply in the GATA portal with the year end financials, the airport couldn't use it when needed, until the GATA information is complete. Steve continues saying that because of the delay, the airport cannot afford their ten percent of the project. A lengthy discussion on the issue with the county and GATA compliances ensued. Steve mentions the county Treasurer not signing because she couldn't sign anything knowing that the county wasn't able to comply at that time. Steve also mentions that now knowing more of what needs to be done that he wouldn't sign it either. Steve then said he had found an old email from August 2021 that he had been CC'd on from the treasurer to the states attorney where Erica said that she had talked to a Jennifer Butler with the GATA department about the issues that needed to be taken care of in the GATA portal and this Jennifer offered to send some of her staff over the Shelby County to help with getting compliant. Steve said he ask Erica if that ever happened and she said the old county board had done nothing but maybe the new board would. She also said she had been locked out of the GATA portal last year and just did get access back in this past January and that the county started working on it in December.** More discussion on the issue ensued and Steve also said that he told Erica that Hansons, the airports consultates, had done a lot of work on the hangar project and for that work and expenses that they had incurred from others, the airport got a bill from Hansons for just over \$13,000. If and when the hangar project starts again, the airport can submit the paper work for a 90% reimbursement. Steve explains that our yearly entitlement (grant) money is good for four years and if you don't use it you lose it but

the state a few years ago started a entitlement transfer where you can transfer your entitlements to another airport before they expire and then transfer someone else's entitlement back when we need to use it for a project. We have done this for three years now and the hangar project will stay on hold until prices come down. Chris asks Steve that if the airport could've locked the hangar project in, that we could've afforded it.

Steve replied that if we had locked in it would've cost the airport \$67,700 and would've been finished by now.

Steve mentions that we'll use the transferred entitlements on other projects.

The minutes were read by all. Walt made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by John and was approved by all saying aye.

The Treasurer's report was read by all. Paul made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

It was seconded by Walt and approved by all saying aye.

#### Bills Presented

None Received

#### Managers Report

Scott said he received a call from crop duster out of Decatur and that they wanted to know about any use fee for letting them use our airport. They would bring their own fuel to use while working, but at the end of the day, they would fill their tank up from the airport's pumps before they left. Scott mentioned Rick checking with Vandalia and they did not charge a fee, but Effingham and Greenville both charge \$75 per day per aircraft unless you buy 100 gallons of fuel per aircraft and then there's no fee. Some discussion ensued on the matter and John makes a motion that we charge \$75 per day per.

Paul second it and it was approved by all saying aye.

Scott mentions the awnings getting ripped to shreds during the storm the previous Friday and that he had called Brumleve to get a bid to fix them. The price for the material for both awnings was \$990. If we wanted some wording it would be an additional \$100 to \$220 depending on what we wanted.

Carol mentions having the same issue from storms and that they went with steel using the same frames.

Some discussion ensued on using steel. Steve mentions having some green painted steel that would work and not cost anything.

Scott mentions a person in town that started a drone business contacted him and is talking about basing his drones out of the airport, but wasn't sure at that point what he was going to do. Scott said he'd do his best to help him out and get him going.

Scott mentions mowing season getting here and he needs to get the mowers going and the roller. Scott also said he has access to a 14 Ft. harrow and going to try and use it on the runways before mowing starts.

Scott mentions showing Steve the windows that he mentioned at the last meeting. Need to know what we want to do with that. The flying club is willing to help out with the labor if the airport gets the material.

Chris asks what size they are and Steve said 34" X 46" and said he might have a couple windows that they had got stuck with, that he would check. Some discussion on the windows ensued.

#### End of Managers Report

#### Old Business

Covered

#### New Business

John says we need to set a date for the car show so plans can be made.

A short discussion on having a car show combined with having a food truck and flying young eagles ensued. Paul made a motion to a car show on July 8th and Walt second it. It was approved by all saying aye.

Walt makes a motion to adjourn and Paul second it.