

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting
MINUTES
February 28, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Jim Klick called the meeting to order at 12:01.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT Jason Cox
Herb Lande
Jim Klick
Ray Soliman
Joe Strong
Tony Deliberto
David Hill

ABSENT: Ron Kevish
Dave Silverman
John Noak

GUESTS: Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation
John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Ken Carlson, Legal Counsel
Ronn Braussau, Aviation Advisor
Kyle Kraetzer, Aviation Advisor

QUORUM: The Vice-Chairman declared a quorum and the Board was in session to officially conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION by Jason Cox to approve the Minutes of the meeting held January 24 , 2018 of the Joliet Regional Port District.
Second by Joe Strong. Resolution 2018-0003 passed.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent**

TREASURES REPORT , FINANCIAL REPORTS & BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT:

**MOTION by Ray Soliman to approve the unaudited Financial Statements and the Financial statements presented by the Joliet Regional Port District and Lewis University Airport dated January 31, 2017. Seconded by Joe Strong.
Resolution 2018-0004 passed.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.**

**Motion by Dave Hill to approve the Chambers Conlin bill totaling \$ 3,000.
Seconded by Joe Strong.
7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.**

Public Comment

Kyle Kraetzer introduced himself and his partner Ronn Brausau who were representing Aviation Advisors, an aircraft charter management company. Mr. Kraetzer explained that they have been long time customers based on the airport. Mr. Kraetzer went on to explain that Aviation Advisors has 3 planes based here and that they were a one of the better customers of the airport. They are concerned about the District's executive terminal facilities and wished to locate in building #3 but have been declined to relocate due to the

District's intent to find a commercial maintenance operation. They are very concerned about leaving expensive vehicles in the parking lot and not in their hangar. Mr. Brausau explained that there would be operating efficiencies available to Aviation Advisors or, perhaps, utilizing the full time Mi-Jack mechanic located in Building # 3. The building also has office space available that they are interested in.

Mr. Lawson explained that there are 160 based aircraft on the airport with no approved commercial maintenance operations on the field. The District has actively been looking to find a company to fill the desperate need. The industry is in high demand of qualified mechanics. New maintenance techs are being actively recruited by the airlines and cargo operators. The company that is currently in the north half of hangar 3 has lost their mechanics and has recently withdrawn their intent to open the business and is moving out.

Mr. Braussau stated that in his opinion the airport needed additional "corporate" hangars with more amenities for the corporate owners. They support the search for a maintenance facility, if they can work on jets in addition to GA aircraft.

Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation:

- 1.) Staff dealt with a significant amount of snow over the past month in a short amount of time. All went well despite a couple of major breakdowns.
- 2.) Our Nascar week is early this year, the last week of June. The big race is on Sunday, July 1. All the FAA tower paper work has been submitted with payment. Communication circuits for the tower have been ordered.
- 3.) Dr. Dave is expected to have good news on the Site Study by the next meeting. We are also inviting Chambers Conlon's Andrew Davis to give a legislative report at that meeting. Senator Shuster has dropped the privatization issue from the proposed reauthorization. So we are hoping for a new transportation bill lifting the 2 million dollar cap on the use of funds towards the construction of a control tower.
- 4.) Pancake Breakfast will be held June 10, 2018. Please come out and visit the busy weekend. Getting young kids interested in aviation is what the entire weekend is about.
- 5.) Retaining Hanson Engineering agreement with the district will be discussed in the March meeting.

Ron Hudson, Planning and Engineering Report:

Lawson ran through the highlights of Ron's report and informed the board that he bid opening on the parking lot resurfacing and expansion is on Friday March 9th IDOT bid letting. Results will be shared in March.

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

