

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting
MINUTES

February 24, 2021 (Terminal Hangar for 6' spacing Covid-19)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dave Silverman called the regular meeting to order at 12:00.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT Dave Silverman, via go to meeting
Ray Soliman
Jason Cox
Jim Klick
Tony Deliberto
Joe Strong, via go to meeting
Todd Randich
John Noak, via go to meeting
Dave Hill, via got to meeting

ABSENT: Herb Lande

GUESTS: John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Ken Carlson, Legal Counsel, via go to meeting
Ron Hudson, Primera Engineering
John (Associate of Ron Hudson) , Primera Engineering
Rich Berti, R Berti Inc., via go to meeting
Michael Judy, R Berti Inc., via go to meeting
Chris Hutter, VAAL Aviation
Saul Thompson, Aviation Advisors
Dave Spencer, VAAL Aviation
Dillon Harvey, Cirrus Flight School and Maintenance Center

QUORUM: The Chairman declared a quorum and the Board was in session to officially conduct business. Due to the revised open meetings act because of the pandemic, it is not required for all board members and employees to be present. It is acceptable to attend electronically.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by John Noak to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jim Klick. Resolution # 2021-0003 passed. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

TREASURERS REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS & BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT:

MOTION by John Noak to approve the unaudited Financial Statements and The Treasurer's Report of the Joliet Regional Port District dated January 31, 2021 as presented by staff. Seconded by Jason Cox. Resolution # 2021-0004 passed. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Bills Against the District:

1. Tai Ginsberg, January 2021 \$ 3,000.00

MOTION by Ray Soliman to approve the bill as presented. Seconded by Jason Cox. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports: None

Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation Report:

- Meeting scheduled for Thursday or Friday with Libby Ogard to discuss the potential benefit of applying for a waterway grant. If anyone has questions or concerns or would like to sit in on the meeting please contact Chris.
- Status of the Control tower grant: There hasn't been any negative news, we are just waiting for approval signatures and we have been told we are down to one signature. Path construction has been working diligently on administrative paperwork. If the grant isn't approved soon it would be suggested that we stop work due to finance issues. A notice to proceed has not been issued. The State of Illinois will authorize the "NTP" once funds are in place and available
- Path has requested for decisions on colors and will be placed on the March meeting agenda if the funding is in place.

Engineering Report:

- Ron has worked with the State of Illinois Division of Aeronautics and they have made great strides to reimburse the District for all the pre planning funds for the control tower project that have been invested. The number to date was \$511,164 of a total \$609,705.
- The Panattoni II lease approval from the FAA will be sent in for approval very soon.
- The Michael Baker construction supervision document for the tower will be on the IDA's desk for approval very shortly.

Legal/Legislative Report: None

Executive Session: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Power point presentation was made.

- Rich Berti of R Berti Construction offered the publicly bid results with narrative.

MOTION by Jim Klick to award the project to the qualified low bids as suggested by Rich Berti as Construction Manger: Phase 1 for \$ 186,033.00 and Phase 2 for \$ 171,235 and not awarding the alternate. Seconded by Jason Cox. Resolution # 2021-0003 passed. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

- A presentation was made by Chris Hutter and Saul Thompson regarding their interest in creating a new start-up company "VAAL Aviation LLC." planning to open at KLOT. Mr. Hutter is the principal owner with Mr. Thompson operating and managing the public maintenance operation with Dillion Harvey operating the Cirrus Training and Maintenance Center. The intent if for VAAL to purchase the District's aircraft maintenance hangar #3 and enter into a ground lease. In addition VAAL will lease additional space and construct an additional storage hangar (specified by #5) across apron 200 for the purpose of storing aircraft. Staff and legal will work with VAAL and intend to have the building sale and 2 ground leases for approval at the March meeting. Draft plans were shown on the power point presentation.
- Staff requested permission to purchase of rubber tired wheel loader utilizing municipal purchasing programs(including Sourcewell)....not to exceed \$ 160,000. :

MOTION by Jim Klick to approve the purchase as presented. Seconded by Tony Deliberto. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

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New Business: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by John Noak to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Klick. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bixenmann
Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE: March 24, 2021
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: Lewis University Airport, Executive Terminal