



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT PEKIN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
13906 AIRPORT LN. PEKIN, IL 61554
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 AT 3:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN STEVEY HUEY PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brian.

Call to Order

Chairperson Huey confirmed all Commissioners were physically present.

Attendee Name	Commission	Title	Status	Arrived
Steve Huey	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Chairperson	Present	3:00 PM
Todd Thompson	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	3:00 PM
Steve Foster	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Absent	3:00 PM
Mike Reed	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Absent	3:00 PM
Murray Brian	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	3:00 PM

Also Present: Michael Cruce, Airport Manager

Chairperson Huey confirmed all Commissioners were physically present. Chairperson Huey called the meeting to order at 3:11pm. A quorum was declared.

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	[3 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commissioner Brian
SECONDER:	Commissioner Thompson
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson and Brian
Absent:	Commissioners Reed, Foster

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes from the February 27, 2024 Meeting

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MOVER:	Commissioner Brian
SECONDER:	Commissioner Thompson
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson and Brian
Absent:	Commissioners Reed, Foster

Public Input

Rick Woldow asked about the fuel prices and asked if there was a shift in fuel pricing strategy. He noted we were higher than most other airports. Manager Cruce responded that we still have the same fuel pricing strategy, and we work on a first in first out process. We are still selling fuel that was purchased last fall at a higher price than the most recent load of fuel. Mr. Cruce also noted that the price will drop soon as we will be selling fuel from the latest load of fuel.

New Business

6.1. FY 2025 Airport proposed budget

The new budget that was passed by the council was presented to the commission and a brief rundown of the budget was given by manager Cruce.

6.2. FAA Grant Opportunity Discussion

Manager Cruce discussed the grant opportunity that was published by the FAA. He worked with the grants coordinator and public work director, and it was determined that airfield security fencing was the most needed for the airport that would meet the requirements of the grant. A grant was submitted to the FAA, and we will await to hear the results within 90 days if we are awarded any grant money.

6.3. Airport Ground Solar Lease

The airport was approached by a solar company named Bodin Solar. They are interested in leasing approximately 20 acres to the northwest of the runway in the area that is currently farmed. Locations of potential solar

leases were discussed so that the future expansion of the airport would not be impeded. This would leave room for future hangar expansion and runway expansion. A meeting with the company will be set up for further discussion and a potential RFP to be published.

Manager Reports

7.1. T-Hangar Construction progress

Sidewalks around the hangars are currently being poured. It should be finished tomorrow. Most electricity is done. Lighting will be installed in the next few weeks. Ameren has installed all the utilities and temp power is hooked up to the building. Fall completion is still estimated.

7.2. T-Hangar pavement project

The Hanson contract was just received and will need council approval. The state received bids and Cullinan was the sole bidder and the low bid. It did come in under the grant amount and should be awardable by the state. We will now wait for the state to award the bid and send it to council for approval.

Commissioner Brian asked about the density of the top layer of the asphalt and if the new ramp will dent from vehicles and aircraft like the current ramp does. We will look into that question and see what the engineers' response is.

7.3. Airport Fuel Tank replacement project

We are waiting for the state fire Marshall and aeronautics to review the plans, so the project can be let. Nothing further has been done with the project this month.

Adjourn

Commissioner Brian moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All present votes aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36pm.