



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, MAY 28, 2024 AT 3:00 PM
CHAIRMAN STEVE HUEY PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00 pm. A quorum was declared by S. Huey.

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	Absent	3:00 PM
Steve Foster	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	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

Approve Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes from the April 23,2024 Meeting

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

Public Input

None

New Business

6.1. Airport Solar RFP review and discussion

A meeting was held with Alder energy after being approached by them to lease ground at the airport. It was explained that an RFP would need to be published to give all interested companies the opportunity to submit a proposal based on the RFP draft that was presented to the committee.

Manager Cruce gave a brief overview of the RFP process and the draft that has been written. Details of the areas that could be available for solar were discussed. The airport engineer agreed with the areas that were being discussed pending actual specific locations that will be determined.

Questions about the farm ground and how the solar will impact the farm lease were discussed and clarified. It was explained that there are very few options to increase revenue at the airport that are low impact and cost the city no money out of pocket. A community solar farm at the airport is a good option to increase ground revenue short of building hangars. Manager Cruce asked that any comments on the RFP be sent to him for possible inclusion in the RFP.

6.2. FAA 3 Year safety inspection summary and discussion.

Manager Cruce met with the FAA Springfield FSDO, and they conducted their 3-year airport safety review of the airport for the FAA. It was noted that we are not in compliance with the object free area in regard to how close the crops are to the runway. Also noted were the height of the trees along the

south side of the property line and that the trees have grown too tall and need to be removed to stay in compliance. A plan will be discussed with the public works director and a plan to remove the trees will be formulated after the current crops are removed this fall. The farming plat that was published for the airport will be used going forward for farming setbacks to ensure object-free areas. Fading taxi way lines were also noted and will need to be repainted.

6.3. T-Hangar Pavement project

The city council at the last meeting approved the T-Hangar pavement project. The city share will be approximately \$94,000.00. The city will have to pay the engineering fees to Hanson, but those fees will be reimbursed by the state as part of the project. Fall construction is planned.

Manager Reports

7.1. T-Hanagar construction progress

The side walks are done. Interior lighting is complete and exterior lights still need to be installed. Rough grading will be next with final grading in September. RP coatings will be in to coat the floors and repair the cracks when the trades are done with repairs and work. That should happen in August.

Adjourn

Commissioner Huey asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm