



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, AUGUST 27, 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.

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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	Present	3:00 PM
Mike Reed	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	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:	[5 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commissioner Foster
SECONDER:	Commissioner Thompson
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson, Foster, Reed, and Brian

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes from the May 28, 2024 Meeting

RESULT:	[5 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commissioner Brian
SECONDER:	Commissioner Foster
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson, Foster, Reed, and Brian

Public Input

None

New Business

6.1. Airport Solar lease with Alder Energy discussion and planning.

The city published an RFP for solar leases in June. The city received one from Alder Energy. The proposal was submitted to council for approval. The city council approved accepting the proposal. This is the first step in the process to begin negotiating a Lease agreement with Alder. The city has not entered into lease agreements of this type and especially not one on airport property with FAA requirements. Manager Cruce suggested forming an ad hock subcommittee of a couple of commission members to review the lease and make suggestions to the city attorney. The city attorney will need to rely on the manager and commission members to give input on airport operations and FAA requirements to ensure the lease is beneficial to the airport and will not interfere with airport operations. General discussion and questions held on some of the current plans for the solar farm. Steve Foster moved that an adhock committed be formed to discuss and review the proposed lease.

Murray Brian suggest adding a non commission member of Rick Woldow to the committee to help with the reveiw process. The committe will attempt to meet in the coming weeks. Murray Brian, Mike Reed, Todd Thompson and Rick Woldow were nominated to be on the committee.

RESULT:	[5 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
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MOVER:	Commissioner Foster
SECONDER:	Commissioner Thompson
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Manager Reports

7.1. T-Hangar construction progress

Grinding and epoxy coating has begun on the floors. The contractor expects completion in about a week. Central landscaping will be out next to dress the areas and seed grass. The electrical pannel meter boxes are now estimated for arrival in December. The engineer did a walk through and found multiple defects and submitted a list to the contractor. The subcontractors have been out working on the list, and we will check up on the progress in the next month.

7.2. T-Hangar pavement construction progress

The pavement project was approved by council at the May 13, 2024 meeting and we have completed the state paperwork. The manager was just notified that the city had not completed a signature on one document that was needed to finalize the agency agreement. We are sill hoping that construction can begin this fall but will depend on the states ability to get a contract to R.A Cullinan in time to still lay asphalt before the plants close for the season.

7.3. Fuel tank replacement project progress

The fuel tank replacement project is still awaiting FAA airspace approval before we can move on with the letting process. The engineer has asked the FAA for an update on when that approval might happen but has not received a response yet. We asked the state to make an exception to the process and submit the application to the state Fire Marshall so we can continue operating the fuel system. The state agreed and sent in our permit application. The permit was approved in June, and we now have until the permit expires to operate the existing system and get the new tanks installed.

Adjourn

Commission Chair Huey asked for a motion to adjourn.

RESULT:	[5 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commissioner Reed
SECONDER:	Commissioner Thompson
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson, Foster, Reed, and Brian

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.