

BRAINERD LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport Commission was called to order at 2:30 p.m., in the Airport Conference Room, by Chair Andy Larson via the speakerphone.

Upon roll call, the following Commission members were noted present: Trudi Amundson; Rachel Reabe Nystrom; Andy Larson, Chair (on the speakerphone); Jeff Czczok; Gary Scheeler; and Don Jacobson, Vice Chair. Also present: Jeff Wig, Airport Manager; Paul Strege, Consulting Engineer on the speakerphone; and Raini Mohler, Airport Secretary.

Commission members noted absent: None.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHEELER AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES PROJECT AND POTENTIAL ANNEXATION – Discussed.

The Chair stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits or disadvantages of annexing the Airport to the City of Brainerd. There would be no decisions made at the meeting because the Commission had not yet determined its feelings one way or the other.

He requested that discussion focus on the Airport and related implications of annexation on the Airport.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included City staff, County staff and two members of the Oak Lawn Township Board.

At the September 17, 2015 Commission meeting, Mike Petersen presented a list of questions regarding annexation of the Airport to the City. Those questions centered on taxes, ordinances, zoning, City/County funding of the Airport and related costs of City sewer and water. At today's meeting, each question was read and answered individually. It was noted that there was no official stand on the annexation issue on the part of the City, County, Oak Lawn Township or Airport Commission.

During the discussion, it was questioned who had the ultimate authority regarding certain issues after annexation...the City or the Airport Commission. The questions would need to be addressed by an attorney.

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Sharon Pike from Oak Lawn Township spoke briefly and asked that the Commission keep in mind what was best for the Airport and the community of Oak Lawn Township.

The next step called for the Commission to determine a course of action. It was also suggested that the City be approached about some type of concession of fees.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHEELER AND JACOBSON, DULY CARRIED, THAT THE COMMISSION MEETING ADJOURN AT 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wig
Airport Manager

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