

Fairfield County Airport Authority Board Meeting
3430 Old Columbus Rd NW
Carroll, Ohio 43112
Special Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2019

Meeting to order

Pat Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present at the meeting were Pat Ferguson, Jon Kochis, Bill McNeer, Michael Kaper, and Bill Fagan. Board members Glenn Burns and Rick Szabrak were absent. Also present were Staci Knisley, Patrick Rooney, Joshua Horacek, Jeff Gerken, Darrell Loos, and James Shadd.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Mr. Jeff Gerken introduced himself. He manages the aircraft owned by Gorsuch Aviation. The aircraft was damaged by the collapsed ceiling in Hangar J. He would like to get insurance contact information after the meeting.

Hangar J update

Mr. Ferguson reviewed with the Board the damage to Hangar J. The ceiling in Hangar J collapsed on Gorsuch Aviation's aircraft. Mr. Kochis worked with the CORSA's recommended engineer on steps to get Hangar J safe and secure.

Mr. Kochis reported that the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) is county's insurance provider.

Mr. Kochis met with three (3) different contractors. The scope of work was based on CORSA recommendations to secure and clean up the area. The scope is only to clean up and remove the damaged materials and to make the area secure. The ceiling panels will be removed and what panels are left will be secured.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the estimates for the work is just to make it safe and to remove the aircraft.

Mr. Kochis reported that the estimates do not include removing the aircraft.

Mr. Kochis asked Sundowner Aviation to secure and remove the aircraft after all the materials are removed off the aircraft.

Mr. McNeer asked what the weight of the aircraft was. He is concerned with the safety of the removal.

Mr. Gerken stated that the aircraft empty weight is 6,000 pounds. Full nose of the plane would be about 2,500 pounds.

Mr. Loos with Sundowner Aviation stated that they will not assist in moving the aircraft.

Mr. Kochis reported that he will follow-up with a different contractor to remove the aircraft.

Mr. Kochis stated that the end goal of this repair is that everything needs to come down and re-installed or an Engineer needs to assess the original installation of the ceiling. The engineer with Setterlin said that it is more cost effective to correct what exists.

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Mr. Kochis reported that the current installation was metal skin, ¾ inch hard insulation board, a purlin which a 2x4 or 2x2 that should have been screwed into the bottom of the truss. CORSA is looking into the original contractor's work and will handle mediation if needed.

Mr. Kochis reviewed the following 3 estimates:

1. Tri-State Restorations: \$5,750

Mr. Kochis reported that the estimate was not as adequate as others.

2. Boyden Renovations, LLC: \$6,875

Mr. Kochis reported that this contractor's scope was in line with what needs completed. They are using 3-inch screws and washers to pin up the existing ceiling.

Mr. Kaper recommended that the scope be changed to a 4-inch screw.

Mr. Kochis will ask them for their recommendation of increasing the inch of the screws used.

3. Setterlin: \$10,113

Mr. Kochis reported that the scope looked good but the costs were the highest.

Mr. Kochis recommended Boyden Renovations, LLC or Setterlin to be selected as the contractor. Both contractors can start right away. Phase 1 would be to make the area safe. Then the aircraft will be removed by a separate contractor and then Phase 2 will continue to clean up and secure and make the area safe.

Approval to select Boyden Renovations LLC to do the removal of damaged materials and to secure the safety of the building with an addition of a phased approach in conjunction with second vendor to secure and remove the aircraft with a total not to exceed of \$8,000

On motion of Jon Kochis and second of Bill McNeer, the Fairfield County Airport Authority Board voted to approve to select Boyden Renovations LLC to do the removal of damaged materials and to secure the safety of the building with an addition of a phased approach in conjunction with second vendor to secure and remove the aircraft with a total not to exceed of \$8,000

Discussion:

Mr. Rooney with Sundowner Aviation stated that he would like this process to move quickly.

Mr. Kochis stated that CORSA and our legal counsel advised that Sundowner Aviation is to contact their insurance provider for the damaged aircraft.

Voting aye thereon:

Kochis, McNeer, Ferguson, Fagan, and Kaper.

Absent were: Burns and Szabrak

Motion passed.

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Mr. Gerken stated that the aircraft is owned by Gorsuch Aviation. It is the County's building with the ceiling laying on top of the aircraft. The aircraft was being repaired by Sundowner Aviation's Maintenance in a leased hangar owned by the Airport. Our insurance company would like the county's insurance contact information. We do not want to be in the middle of this we just want to know who is responsible for our aircraft damage.

Mr. Kochis stated that the Airport lease with Sundowner Aviation states that the lessee is responsible for their damaged property.

Mr. Horacek stated that the county does lease Hangar J to Sundowner Aviation.

Mr. Rooney reported that his attorney disagrees with the county airport's take on not being responsible for the damaged aircraft.

Mr. Gerken stated that their insurance is a safety net. We have issues with loss of use and diminished values. He asked if the original installation was approved by the Airport Board.

Mr. Kochis reported that it was approved by the Airport Board in 2013. The ceiling was installed by a private contractor.

Adjournment

On motion of Bill McNeer and second of Jon Kochis, the Fairfield County Airport Authority Board voted to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Airport Terminal

Meeting minutes for the January 31, 2019 meeting were approved on February 11, 2019

Aye
Glenn Burns

Aye
Bill Fagan

Aye
Rick Szabrak

Aye
Jon Kochis

Absent
Michael Kaper

Aye
William McNeer

Aye
Pat Ferguson

Staci A. Knisley
Staci A. Knisley, Airport Clerk