

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
October 10, 2013

MEMBERS

Alderman Vota  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Larry Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent Jackson  
Airport Manager Newberry  
Alderman Jones  
Marlin Brune  
Bill Baird  
Andy Lasswell  
Mike Durbin  
Gary & Jerry Cochran

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Burtle  
Chris Groth  
Mike Coady  
Terry Wright  
Bob Brandis  
Judy Lancaster  
Bev Morrison

Chairman Vota called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Taylorville Municipal Airport.

Chairman Vota recessed the meeting at 6:01 P.M. so the Committee and Chris Groth, representing Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. could look at the area included in #5 on the agenda "Planning, Design and Special Services Agreement with CMT for Project TAZ-4342 to Rehabilitate North Ramp Area."

Chairman Vota reconvened the meeting at 6:08 P.M.

**OPTIMIST REQUEST-CONCESSION STAND/RESTROOM ON LAKE PROPERTY**

Terry Wright commented and answered the Committee's questions on the Optimists proposed project - "Concession Stand and Restrooms" on Lakeshore Drive, by the Bike Trail at the entrance to the Lake.

He asked to remove the Concession Stand portion as it is not so much concession as a comfort/rest area with possible vending machines. They may have the Optimist Concession Trailer there on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to service people and different clubs and organizations could also use it. They are considering a 20 x 30 foot pavilion with two (2) bathrooms and will start a fundraiser for donations after Council approval.

Mr. Wright stated there is a possibility of a 50/50 reimbursable grant which the City would have to apply for. The City would have to have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pana for use of the Bike Trail Area. He was asked about cost of electricity and water for the building, cost of sewer extension and a fire hydrant. When asked about utilities, cleaning and insurance he said the Optimist do not plan to dump the project on the City; they may try to set up a fund. The Optimist would do a monthly cleanup but he would hope the Lake would look in on the building. He will see if the Optimist insurance would cover the building. He said he couldn't speak for the Optimist Club, but he expects a disclaimer of "Responsibility of Optimist Club until"

Chairman Vota would like a draft or visual and noted that the City will reserve the right to approve the final plan or project.

Jerry Cochran spoke for several people in the audience concerned with the location, looks and traffic.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to support the concept of the Optimist Club Restroom structure at the entrance to the Lake until the next phase where the City will review the plans. Motion carried 3-1.

Mr. Wright hopes to have plans for the December Meeting.

#### **LAKE DREDGING IN EXCHANGE FOR LAKE PROPERTY**

The Lake dredging in exchange for Lake property will be removed from the agenda as it has been on the agenda for two months with no interested party attending.

#### **BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MARINA OFFICE BUILDING UPGRADES (HEATING/COOLING/ELECTRICAL AND ROOFING)**

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to approve the Bid Specifications as presented for the Heating, Cooling, Electrical and Roofing of the Lake Marina Office Building and allow Superintendent Jackson to pursue bids for same. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **LAKE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Jackson reported his crew removed Oak trees.

The additional dredging should be completed in one and a half weeks.

His crew has been performing maintenance on the vehicles and he noted they have very high mileage.

#### **PLANNING, DESIGN AND SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CMT FOR PROJECT TAZ-4342 TO REHABILITATE NORTH RAMP AREA**

Alderman Walters presented a list of concerns associated with the Agreement for Rehabilitation of the North Ramp Area for the FY 2014 Federal Program. Chris Groth, with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, took note of several items and addressed questions that were posed by Alderman Walters. He explained that this is the form that is used and IDOT wants the strike outs left in.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the Mayor and City Clerk sign the Planning, Design and Special Services Agreement with CMT for Project TAZ-4342 to Rehabilitate the North Ramp Area.

Several Aldermen questioned putting more money into the Airport when the City does not have money for the Wards, and suggested waiting until next year to see if finances improve. Chairman Vota informed the Committee that the City will end up spending \$22,000.00 for \$440,000.00 of improvements. He informed the Committee that if the City were to close the Airport they would have to pay back all the grants prorated on a 20 year basis.

Motion carried 4-0.

### **CLOSING THE GRASS RUNWAY**

Prior to 2007 the plans were to shut down the Grass Runway. Airport Manager Newberry noted that when we were building the new East/West Runway, the City had a change order adding a Segmented Circle which allowed us to keep the Grass Runway. If we do close it we would be responsible for paying back a prorated amount for the period we have had the Segmented Circle.

Pilots in the audience feel the Grass Runway should not be closed because if you have mechanical problems, it is a lot safer landing on a grass runway than concrete and the runway is used to train and test new pilots. The matter will be placed on the next agenda with the feasibility of financial concerns and pilot issues addressed.

### **SALE AND REMOVAL OF NDB**

Airport Manager Newberry received a quote on removal and possession of the old NDB site equipment (receivers, transmitter and towers) to be removed during October 2013. (His is the only quote as no one else works with NDB's and he will use it for parts.)

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the quote of \$980.00 from Albion Radio Communications, Inc. for the sale and removal of the NDB at the Taylorville Municipal Airport. Motion carried 4-0.

### **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Heating System (Brandis Hangar)**

Blakley's started installation of the heating system on Monday, October 7, 2013 in the Brandis Hangar. Bob Brandis asked if he would be responsible for the gas and electric and was told yes. He asked if his rent would be adjusted.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Alderman Jones asked the Committee if the skydiving plane could ascend and descend West of the Airport during their skydiving activities. Airport Manager Newberry would request the Jump Club to stay West of the City during their jumps.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz. Motion carried 4-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Martin Vota, Chairman