

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
APRIL 19, 2023  
HANGAR 600, ROOM 100**

**Call to Order**

Chair Tod Roberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. and confirmed that a quorum was present. Business and Communications Manager Kasey Windhorst stated that the meeting notice and the board packet was published and distributed on Friday, April 14, 2023.

**Attendance**

Attendance was taken. Present were Directors Roberg, Carlin, Gunn, Boos and O'Brien. Executive Director Tim Rogers; Director of Administration and Finance Shelli Swanson; Director of Facilities and Construction Maynard Cunningham; Business and Communications Manager Kasey Windhorst; Airport Administration Specialist Michelle Moon; and Attorney Greg Bengtson attended. Guests were Mitch Robinson, Salina Community Economic Development Organization; Julie Yager-Zucker, Avflight Salina; David Arteberry, Stiefel; Mitch Walter, Gillmore & Bell; Lindsey Dreiling, Dreiling Aviation Services; and Cody Heiman, First Bank Kansas. Bob Vidricksen, Saline County Commissioner, attended via GTM.

**Consent Agenda**

Executive Director Rogers reviewed the revised format for presenting items to the board packet for consent. The consent agenda included the following.

- Approval of the minutes of the March 15, 2023 regular board meeting
- Approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2023 special board meeting
- Approval of the airport activity and financial reports ending March 31, 2022

Director Gunn moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Director Boos.  
Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Strategic Planning**

Lindsey Dreiling, Dreiling Aviation Services presented the progress to date to define the Vision, Mission Statement and Values for the Salina Airport Authority. Further discussion followed to solidify the Vision and Mission Statements. Suggestions were taken for Values and discussion narrowed the suggestions down to five: Safety, Trust, Adaptability, Rooted in Community, Success (STARS).

Rogers presented an overview of potential growth of military operations at the Salina Airport and potential construction of a new Kansas National Guard, Army Aviation Support Facility. Rogers also reviewed airfield improvements that may be needed to support fifth generation jet fighters that are expected to begin using Smoky Hill Weapons Range in the future. Staff will begin the process of updating the Airport Master Plan to provide for the growth of military facilities and operations.

### **Action Item: Resolution No. 23-06**

Director of Administration and Finance Swanson reviewed SAA Resolution No. 23-06 which authorizes SAA staff, bond counsel and financial advisor to proceed with offering for sale general obligation bonds and to proceed with all actions necessary to sell the bond. Swanson discussed the sources and uses of funds in the amount of \$16,725,000. The bonds will be used to retire

outstanding temporary notes and fund the Hangar H626 project, general aviation box hangars and aviation fuel facility improvements.

Mitch Walter, Gilmore & Bell explained the differences between tax exempt bonds for a public facility, Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT) bonds (applicable to the fuel farm project), and taxable bonds (applicable to H606 and H626). David Arteberry, Stiefel reviewed the debt service schedule. Staff recommended board approval of SAA resolution 23-06. Motion was made by Director Carlin, and seconded by Director Boos, to approve SAA Resolution 23-06, authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds of the Salina Airport Authority, not to exceed \$16,725,000, and authorize Chair Roberg to sign the resolution. Motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Staff Reports**

Rogers updated the board on the fuel farm construction design and bid schedule. Invitation to bid was issued April 18, 2023, and the bid opening is scheduled for May 8, 2023. The base bid includes four (4) fuel tanks; add alternate #1 is for two (2) additional tanks; add alternate #2 is for a defuel tank. After bids are opened, the grant application for discretionary funds will be submitted to the FAA.

Rogers presented the Aviation Learning Opportunities and Funded Training (ALOFT) program overview. The ALOFT program is an opportunity to increase Salina and Saline County's capability to recruit and train much needed workers at 1 Vision Aviation and other SLN based aviation businesses. ALOFT grant funding would allow us to use a rehabilitated hangar H626 as the location for the SLN Aviation Innovation and Maintenance Center of Excellence (AIM Center). Dreiling reviewed the Kansas Department of Commerce grant application process. ALOFT is a 6-

week apprenticeship program at the SLN AIM center, providing basic skills. Graduates of the apprenticeship program will be able to apply the skillsets to K-State's program prerequisite or move directly to employment at local manufacturing and technical businesses. Dreiling also discussed the partnership of the airport authority with 1Vision, K-State and the Chamber. The grant would be for approximately \$5M, with \$3.9M designated for equipment. Dreiling confirmed that the SLN AIM center and the ALOFT apprenticeship program would be singularly staffed and operated by the Salina Airport Authority.

Director Gunn moved to adjourn, seconded by Director Carlin. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Minutes approved at the May 17, 2023, board meeting.

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Kasey L. Windhorst, Board Clerk

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