

AIRPORT STUDY TASKFORCE MINUTES October 27, 2008 @ 3:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members – Ms. Loretto Cowhig, Mr. Mike Van Mill, Mr. Jeff Jarvis, Mr. Jason Licon, Ms. Danita Swanson (for Mr. Hearn)

Staff – Mr. Mike Lammey, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn, Mr. Jim Greenstreet

Consultants – None

Others – Ms. Leigh Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Van Mill called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Quorum was declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2008 meeting was made by Mr. Licon, seconded by Mr. Jarvis. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS:

Mr. Lammey mentioned that 167 people attended the 1st public hearing on the Kankakee Valley Airport Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development Study.

Mike Lammey reported that some of the public comments that were voiced to him included the dislike of the “open style meeting format” which allowed the public to visit different stations as opposed to one large meeting with one speaker. Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Licon stated that they had received comments that liked the format. They also expressed that a lot of the public questions they were receiving were simply questions about the plan and what it meant. A lot of rumors had spread and people were asking general questions about what was going on, and if buying of land was occurring.

Public written comments also were discussed by the task force and on whether the final report should address each specifically. It was agreed that all public written comments should be included in the index of the final report. The final report is also to describe situations in which expansion would occur and only if that were to occur.

The landfill project was also brought up, and Mr. Licon stated that the Airport Board is neither supporting nor opposing the landfill project.

The date of the final public hearing was set for November 13th providing if the consultants and the meeting rooms were available. If not the meeting would have to be scheduled after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The format for the public hearing will be a presentation of the findings style format with questions to follow at different stations depending upon the type of question one has. The meeting will be for 2 hours starting at 5:30 P.M. and ending at 7:30 P.M.

5:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. open house
6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. presentation
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. questions period

There will also be a FAQ (frequently asked questions) segment as part of the presentation. Brad Hamilton will also describe the differences between the previous draft of the plan and the final version of the plan.

Invite letters with agenda's will be sent out the week of October 27th once final arrangements have been made. A legal notice will also be put in the Daily Journal.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

None

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008 or after Thanksgiving @ 5:30 P.M. – Public Meeting
Subsequent meetings if required.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Jarvis and seconded by Mr. Licon to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 PM. Motion carries.