

Ashtabula County Airport Authority
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 20, 2024 3:00PM EST

Board Members Present

Lance Bushweiler, Interim President (T)
John Ambrose
Don Ballard
Dwight Bowden
Eric Cornelius
Barbara Ford (T)
Bill Koleno
John Morrison (T)
Kate Reedy (T)
Mark Stackhouse (T)
George Toth (T)

Others Present

David Pontius, Andrews & Pontius LLC
Doug Powell, Tenant (T)
Kate Burke-Rosales, NEORA

*(T) Teleconference Participant

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM EST by Interim President Bushweiler. At the request of the Interim President, Secretary confirmed a quorum. This Special Meeting was called to discuss events occurring on May 15, 2024, and other matters which may come before the Board. Dwight Bowden requested the meeting to discuss what took place and document the record.

George Toth joined the meeting via teleconference at 3:02PM.
Don Ballard joined the meeting at 3:03PM.

Bill Koleno reported that John Williams had a search warrant issued for Hangar J and is disputing intellectual property. A jack and replica bomb display were removed from the hangar and ownership of the items is being contested. Mark Stackhouse inquired if any formal charges had been filed. No charges have been filed. Bill Koleno stated that the issue is personal and not an airport issue. Dave Pontius suggested that Bill hire a criminal defense attorney. Dave Pontius asked if any civil lawsuits existed between Mr. Koleno and Mr. Williams. The response was no. Dwight Bowden noted that in the twelve years he has served on the Board, law enforcement has never been at the airport.

Dwight Bowden stated that he was informed that Mr. Koleno's rent payments were 90-days past due on 05/16/2024. The lease agreement states in section 3, subsection D, that "Lessee agrees that if payment of Rent is not delivered to Lessor by the tenth (10th) day of each month, or if Lessee fails to pay on a timely basis any separately metered utilities as set forth hereinabove, then Lessee shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement".

Dwight Bowen noted that if the board had been aware of the past due rents and the lease was in default at the time of the 04/11/2024 Annual Meeting, the ballots cast for officers may have been different.

It was noted that prior to the meeting, Mr. Koleno paid past due rent in full.

Dwight Bowden suggested that the corrective action for this situation is that the Secretary-Treasurer prepare an Aged Accounts Receivable and Payable Reports and post them to the meeting agenda outside of the Consent Agenda.

Public Comments: None to report.

Old Business: None to report.

Executive Session: None to report

New Business:

Adjournment

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 08:00AM EST. Meeting adjourned at 3:15PM, moved by Lance Bushweiler, seconded by Don Ballard.

Kate Burke-Rosales
Ashtabula County Airport Authority, Secretary/Treasurer

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