

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: May 16, 2023

TO: WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: JIM SCHELL, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

RE: AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PETITION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE AID

Background:

As a part of receiving federal and state airport aid, Wisconsin public airports have to petition the state every 5 years or as-needed when new projects arise. A new project has been identified, thus a new petition is required. The petition process for Wittman Regional Airport included a hearing for public comments that took place on April 25, 2023. The transcription of that hearing is included as an attachment.

The Air Traffic Control Tower Upgrades project is a result of being awarded a competitive federal grant through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This 100% federal grant will be used to upgrade the control tower's chiller system, access control system, telephones, intercom and CCTV system, and to provide new chairs for air traffic controllers and tower cab window shades.

The "Clear and maintain runway approaches as stated in Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55, and any necessary related work" project is included in all petitions (requested by the state) to cover any grant assistance needed to ensure runway approaches remain clear of obstructions. There is no specific project related to clearing runway approaches at this time.

Policy Discussion:

This resolution allows the County Executive to sign the Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances document. This authorizes the state to act as agent for Winnebago County for airport capital projects and accepts the federal block grant owner assurances. The end result of this petition allows for projects to be placed on the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics Capital Improvement Plan and be eligible for grant assistance.

Requested Action:

Approve the resolution authorizing the County Executive to sign the Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances.

Committee Action:

Approved by the Aviation Committee on May 3, 2023, 5/0.

Attachments:

Agency Agreement and Assurances
Public Hearing Transcript