



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AIRPORT AUTHORITIES

Room 411 South, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

September 20, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

[The following is a summary of the September 20, 2006 meeting of the Special Committee on Airport Authorities. The file copy of this summary has appended to it a copy of each document prepared for or submitted to the committee during the meeting. A digital recording of the meeting is available on our Web site at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>.]

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Stone called the meeting to order. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Jeff Stone, Chair; Reps. Mark Honadel, Fred Kessler, and John Townsend; Sen. Jeff Plale; and Public Members Rich Abelson, Jason Bittner, Terrance Kurtenbach, George Torres, Terry Witkowski, and Dan Wruck.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Public Member Dick Richards.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT: Ron Sklansky, Senior Staff Attorney; and Scott Grosz, Staff Attorney.

APPEARANCES: Terry C. Anderson, Director, Legislative Council; Keith Gerard, Department of Transportation (DOT); Scott Brummond, DOT; Donald Hoelt, Outagamie Regional Airport; and Keith Markano, Crites Field.

Opening Remarks

Terry C. Anderson, Director of the Legislative Council, welcomed the committee and introduced the Legislative Council staff members assigned to work with the committee. He discussed rules for voting and described the process for reimbursement of expenses. He noted that the committee's meetings will be recorded and available on the Internet.

Chair Stone described the selection process for choosing Special Committee topics. He reminded the committee of the importance of air transportation to the Wisconsin economy and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Introduction of Committee Members

Chair Stone welcomed all members to the committee and thanked them for their commitment to serve on the committee. Chair Stone asked each committee member to briefly introduce themselves.

Description of Material Distributed

Ron Sklansky, Legislative Council Senior Staff Attorney, noted the distribution of Memo No. 1, *Overview of Wisconsin Law Relating to Airport Ownership and Discussion of Airport Governance Options* (September 11, 2006).

Invited Speakers

[Note: PowerPoint presentations and other documents referred to by the speakers are posted on the committee's Internet site.]

Keith Gerard, Department of Transportation (DOT), described the history of aviation in Wisconsin using a PowerPoint presentation. He noted the development of general and commercial aviation within the state and provided statistics on Wisconsin's major airports. He discussed the presence of military aviation and noted future trends in Wisconsin aviation. Mr. Gerard then responded to questions from the committee. The questions related to the relationship between Wisconsin airports and other midwestern airports as well as funding allocations and priorities among Wisconsin airports.

Scott Brummond, DOT, discussed the security of Wisconsin airports. Accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, he described the division of security responsibilities between DOT and the Transportation Safety Administration. Mr. Brummond responded to questions from the committee on the topic of airport security.

Donald Hoefft, Outagamie Regional Airport, described the operations of the Outagamie Regional Airport. Accompanied by a handout, he provided historical information, operations statistics, and information on the community impact of the airport. He also described revenue sources and plans for future development. Mr. Hoefft responded to questions regarding the airport's passenger market as well as its relationship with other airports.

Keith Markano, Crites Field, described the operations of Crites Field, an airport located in Waukesha. He provided a history of the airport's development and responded to questions. The questions related to the airport's areas of growth, its geographic market, and its role in the Milwaukee-area air transportation market.

Ron Sklansky, Legislative Council Senior Staff Attorney, described the legislative history of airport governance in the State of Wisconsin.

Discussion of Committee Assignment

Chair Stone explained the purpose of the Special Committee. He described the nature of the committee's work and tentative agenda for its meetings. Ron Sklansky described the role a special committee plays in the legislative process.

Other Business

There was no other business brought before the committee.

Plans for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Special Committee will be held on *Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 417 North, State Capitol.*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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