

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Randy Terronez
DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

December 4, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Future of the Airport

1 **WHEREAS**, the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport (SWRA) contains a variety of general aviation
2 related businesses and operations, including air cargo, maintenance, service, storage and charter activities;
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5 **WHEREAS**, the recent retirement of the long-serving airport director provides the opportunity to explore
6 management changes and to consider operational changes; and,

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8 **WHEREAS**, an Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Future of the Airport is hereby established to make
9 recommendations that will position the airport in meeting future challenges and opportunities; and,

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11 **WHEREAS**, the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee would include:

- 12 A. A review of the implications of FAA 139 certification (importance of being authorized to
- 13 provide public passenger service, effect on businesses operations, need for fire suppression
- 14 function, and impact on County operational activities);
- 15 B. Economic development opportunities;
- 16 C. Management structure (s);
- 17 D. Operational and facility functions.

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this
20 14th day of DECEMBER, 2017, does hereby approve the creation of the Airport Planning
21 Advisory Committee to Study the Airport's Future as a workgroup for the period of February 2018
22 through July 2018 (or earlier) for the purpose of researching and developing recommendations per the
23 project scope identified above; and,

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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors is authorized to
26 appoint members to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the term of the project, and is authorized to
27 appoint the Chair of the workgroup. Membership of this Ad Hoc Committee shall include the following:

- 28 1. A member of the Public Works Committee
- 29 2. Not more than five (5) members of SWRA businesses and users
- 30 3. Not more than four (4) members of the greater Rock County business community
- 31 4. A representative of the City of Janesville
- 32 5. A representative of the Town of Rock
- 33 6. The Rock County Planning & Development Department Economic Development
- 34 Manager

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36 Ex-Officio/Non-voting:

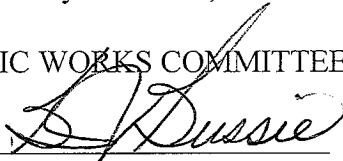
- 37 1. Director of the Department of Public Works
- 38 2. Interim Airport Manager
- 39 3. Representative of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics

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41 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Future of the Airport will
42 dissolve upon submission of a report to the County Board of Supervisors no later than August 1, 2018.

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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE


Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Absent
Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Absent
Eva Arnold

Absent
Brenton Driscoll

R. Rull
Rick Richard

Russ Podzilni
J. Russell Podzilni, Ex Officio Member


FISCAL NOTE:

Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of additional special, single purpose or ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement. Citizen members of such committees shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement only.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director


LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sections 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board rules.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the recent retirement of the long-time airport director, Rock County has filled the vacant position with an interim contract employee pending the study of the Airport's future.

This resolution requests County Board authorization to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Study the Airport's Future for the period of February 2018 through July 2018 (or earlier), to allow the County Board Chair to populate it, and appoint a Chair; and establishes the project scope.

The scope of the Ad Hoc Committee would include:

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- B. Economic development opportunities;
- C. Management structure (s); and
- D. Operational and facility functions.

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4. A representative of the City of Janesville
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6. The Rock County Planning & Development Department Economic Development Manager

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