

**Airport Commission Meeting  
September 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting held in-person at the Platteville Airport, 5157 HWY 80, Platteville, WI**

- I. Commission Meeting Call to Order - Chair @ 6:00 p.m.**
  - a. Attendance – Commission Members: Doug Bartlett (P), Jim Berglund (P), Dennis Cooley (A), Lynnette Dornak (P), Bill Kloster (P), Brian Whisenant (P). Others: Kyle Eiserer (Airside FBO), Bob Gates (City Council Representative), Nicola Maurer (Staff Liaison to the Airport Commission), Rison Pereira (Airport Manager). Guests: None
  - b. Quorum achieved.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes - Secretary**
  - a. Motion by Lynnette to approve the minutes of August 12, 2024; 2nd by Brian. Motion passed unanimously with Doug abstaining as he is a new member.
  
- III. Citizens Comments, Observations and Petitions - Chair**
  - a. Doug shared his connection with the International Aerobatic Club (IAC) and expressed an interest in holding a four-day competition event at the Platteville Airport. This event would not cost the airport anything, but would require the use of rooms at the airport. Doug asked if he could make a presentation to the Commission in November with more details. This is not an airshow, so the airport could not charge a fee, but the public is welcome to watch. He is hoping to hold this the weekend before the Oshkosh Air Show and would like approval from the Commission to start talking to local people and to see if waivers could be attained. He also wants to talk to farmers about the noise. The Commission granted approval. (Details of the event are in the attached memo).
  
- IV. Commission Policies, Approval - Chair**
  - a. All presented policies were approved by the Commission today. Bill also ran these policies by the Chief of Police and he approved them as well.
  - b. We amended the Alcohol Policy by removing the sentence, “Consuming alcohol within 12 hours of operating an aircraft is prohibited.” We also amended the Exclusion/Exceptions section by removing the comma in “illegal drugs, controlled substances” and replacing it with “or.”
  - c. Brian made a motion that the policies are accepted as written and the AlcoholDrug policy is accepted with the aforementioned changes.
  
- V. 2025 Budget Final Draft for Approval - Chair, APEXEJC**
  - a. Kyle reviewed the budget and noted changes in the fuel costs and hangar rent. He recommended increasing rent to a figure closer to the market rate for airports with similar fuel sales. In future years, the rate will be increased to represent CPI increases. He recommends staying conservative on the rent for the corporate hangar just to make it more attractive.
  - b. Jim made a motion to approve the 2025 adopted budget; 2nd by Brian. Motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Updates

### a. Cropland Reduction, FAA Review - Chair

- i. Bill received a response from the BOA and it appears that we are going to lose the crop ground next to the runways. According to the BOA, we are not allowed to have crops as they may hinder vision of the runway. As a result of this change, we will lose approximately \$15-20,000 in revenue.

### b. Senior Design Student Project - Chair

- i. We got approval from the university for students to work on two plans for the airport. The first is a rehabilitation plan for the six-bay hangar that includes a cost estimate for building a new six-bay hangar and the second is an improvement plan for the snow removal equipment building. They are going to present at our December meeting.

### c. Department of Transportation Petition Resolution Status - Chair

- i. Bill is going to send a copy to the BOA and Rison has a copy here. Rison is also going to start on our six-year plan to prioritize the various projects.

### d. City Matters - City Liaison

- i. Nicola consulted with APEX and Chad Heer on the property tax situation. The City is now going to be taxed on the hangars so we are going to have a survey done to make the hangars separate parcels from the land so that the owners will be taxed for the hangars rather than the City. For this tax year, we are going to ask the hangar owners to pay the same amount of tax that they paid last year.

## VII. Treasurer's Report - August 2024 - Treasurer

### a. Monthly Income Review

- i. Rison has agreed to submit fuel sale figures on a monthly basis from now on.

### b. Monthly Expenses Review

### c. Monthly Invoice Payments

### d. Status of Project Payments

- e. Motion by Jim to approve the financial report and pay the bills in the amount of \$17,682.40; 2nd by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

## VIII. Manager's Report - APEXEJC

- a. **Flight Training** - The club may be smaller than expected because they are having difficulty obtaining a plane. Plus, insurance is almost prohibitively expensive.

- b. **Equipment Repairs** – We need to do a little maintenance on the crew car. All hangars are fine and Rison and Larry are checking out the winter equipment.

- c. **T-Hangar Agreements** - Technically, we still have two hangar agreements out.

- d. **Operations – Marketing** - APEX has recently hired a new marketing person and she has been putting out media on all of the APEX operations. Kyle and Rison also sent out over 200 flyers about hangar rentals.

- e. **Sales**

## IX. Adjournment - Chair

- a. Motion by Bob to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug. Motion passed unanimously at (7:25).

Date: September 9, 2024

From: Doug Bartlett, Member, International Aerobatic Club, Chapter 1

To: Platteville Airport Commission

Subj: International Aerobatic Club (IAC) Sanctioned Aerobatic Contest at KPVB, July 17-20, 2025

IAC Chapter 1 (Chicago) is requesting provisional approval from the Platteville Airport Commission to plan an aerobatic contest at KPVB on July 17-21, 2025. This is the weekend prior to AirVenture 2025, the major Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) event in Oshkosh, WI. If approved, a formal presentation and request for approval to conduct the contest will be made at the November Airport Commission meeting.

The IAC is a division of the EAA headquartered in Oshkosh, WI with chapters throughout the United States. The purpose of the IAC is to promote precision flying skills and aerobatic competition to its members. The IAC holds the United States National Aerobatic Championships each year in Salina, KS. The IAC also selects and supports the United States Advanced and Unlimited Aerobatic Teams for international competitions. The IAC conducts about 40 regional contests per year and has been running rules-based competitions for over 50 years.

The event would consist of Thursday/ Friday practice days and Saturday/Sunday competition days. An estimate of 15 to 30 pilots would attend the competition the first year. These pilots would buy food, fuel, rental cars and hotel rooms during their stay. An estimate of these revenues will be provided at the formal request in November. No direct financial support is requested of the airport. An aerobatic competition is not an air show. The community is encouraged to attend but attendance fees are not allowed per FAA regulations. If successful, Chapter 1 would like to make this contest an annual event.

As Contest Director, I will be responsible for obtaining the proper FAA waivers to conduct the practice and competition flights. Further, I will be responsible for coordination with the airport manager any office space, restroom facilities, ramp area and hangars needed for the contest. I have run several regional contests and two National Championship contests, the most recent being in 2021.

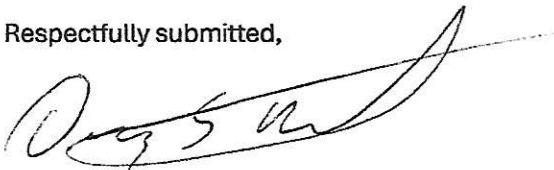
The competition area will be a 3,000-foot box marked on the ground and located on the western side of RWY 15-33.

The use of the airport for the contest will not prohibit any other aircraft from using the airport. However, a NOTAM will be needed prohibiting touch and go landings during the contest dates.

Aerobatic contests create airplane noise. Airplanes will be flying in unusual attitudes at low altitudes. That is why the first step in planning any contest is to get approval and support of the airport authority. Although not a requirement, getting the local farmers support is also a good idea.

I am asking for your support by allowing me to coordinate with those individuals and agencies necessary to plan a safe and successful contest and to present a formal request to the Airport Commission this coming November.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Bartlett  
IAC Chapter 1 Member, IAC Director, IAC President Emeritus