

Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors
City of Prospect Heights City Council
Village of Wheeling Board of Trustees

Hilton Chicago/Northbrook
2655 Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL 60062
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Open Workshop – At 7:01 PM, CEA Chairman Court Harris opened the Joint Workshop. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present for Chicago Executive Airport, the City of Prospect Heights and the Village of Wheeling.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Chicago Executive Airport – Airport Operations and Maintenance Director Wolanik, Property Accountant Mueller, Director of Finance Griffith, Director of Economic Development Sakas, CEA Board Director Saewert, CEA Board, Airport Executive Director Miller, Board Chairman Harris, Administrative Manager Coltrin, CEA Board Director Hellyer, CEA Board Director Kiefer, CEA Board Director Berman, Airport Operations Coordinator Mackey. CEA Board Director Lang, Administrative Assistant Lester. Penny Merritt of C&S Companies and the Quieter Home Program Manager.

City of Prospect Heights – City Administrator Wade, Mayor Ludvigsen, Alderman Ward 5 Dolick, Alderman Ward 1 Cameron, Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams, Alderman Ward 4 Dash, Alderman Ward 2 Anderson, Deputy Clerk Schultheis, City Clerk Prisiainiok, Treasurer Tibbits, Public Works Director Roscoe, Assistant City Administrator Falcone, Director of Building and Development Peterson.

Village of Wheeling – President Horcher, Trustee Lang, Trustee Vito, Trustee Papantos, Trustee Krueger, Village Clerk Brady, Village Attorney Ferolo, Trustee Ruffatto, Director of Economic Development Becker, Director of Public Works Kaup, Trustee Krueger

Doug Klonowski – Crawford, Murphy and Tilly
Penny Merritt – Quieter Home Project Manager

Welcome/Opening Remarks by Chairman Harris, Mayor Ludvigsen, President Horcher, Airport Board Mayor Ludvigsen – thanked the Airport for holding the event. He said that it was important that the Airport and the municipalities worked together and shared information.

President Horcher – noted that the airport is well-managed. He said that he would like to maintain the good relationship between the Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights.

Citizen Comments and Concerns

Jim Loerzel – noted that the Airport is one-third of the way through its budget year and is 3% over projected budget revenue and 7.5% under projected budget expenses. He said that it translated into a \$620,000 unallocated surplus for just one-third of the year. He asked that the Airport apply the surplus to the negate any rent increases for all the tenants at the Airport.

Steve Neff – said that this is his ninth consecutive year attending the Joint Meeting.

He noted that the Cancer Centers of America have loud, turbo props that fly to Columbus, OH and use Runway 1230 after hours.

He suggested landing fees be imposed to bill itinerant planes by weight. He feels that there is an environmental impact.

He would like to see more soundproofing and new windows in the upcoming season.

State of the Airport Presentation by Executive Director Miller –

Director Miller said that while national flight operations were down, the Chicago Executive Airport is at a plateau. There were 100,309 flight operations from 2022-2023.

The Airport did a flight school – Synergy (and currently has seven flight schools)

He reviewed the airport metrics – noting items such as more fuel is being used for individual flights than for number of flights, and that the CEA Customs operations has returned to pre-Covid levels with most international flights to Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean.

The FY 2023 Budget was approved for total revenues of \$6,959,449 and total expenses of \$6,898,869.

The Airport won the 2022 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Economic Impact of the Airport from 2021 to 2023 went up 9.15% in tax revenue to the local communities.

It was noted that 97.7% of the airport traffic is between the hours of 7 AM and 10PM.

The CEA participated in Wheeling's and Prospect Heights' Independence Day Parades.

The CEA distributed \$9,500 in scholarships

Construction projects –

Airfield Lighting Phase I - \$2.5 million

East Quad Ramp extension project (State) - \$1.04 million

Tie-Down relocation - \$2.4 million

Residential Sound Insulation Program - \$2.6 million

Northwest Quadrant Road Rehab (state) - \$180,000

Hawthorne Hangar 22 on Tower Road

Other Projects –

Exhibit A Property Inventory - \$167,000

Environmental Assessment - \$167,000

Master Drainage Study - \$450,000

Noise exposure Map update - \$411,000

Hangar rent study

Centennial anniversary

City Aldermen and Village Trustees: Questions and Comments

Alderman Morgan-Adams – wanted to know the status of Runway 6/24?

Executive Director Miller said that there was an environmental assessment in progress. He said that there was a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) decision likely by the end of the year.

Trustee Papantos- asked if the Airport was reimbursed for the Master Plan?

Executive Director Miller said that there were many components, and that the Airport does not have a full refund. He noted that there was seldom a full reimbursement because of the priority levels that needed compliance.

Trustee Papantos asked if all of the RSIP Phase I was in Wheeling?

Executive Director Miller noted that Phase I was in Wheeling.

Penny Merritt said that there would be more testing late in 2023.

Executive Director Miller said that the pilot program took long, but now that there was a procedure in place Phase I and II will go faster.

Trustee Papantos asked when the next NEM - Noise Exposure Map – will be updated.

Executive Director Miller said that the FAA looks at the maps in stages. The next NEM update will be conducted in 2028.

Trustee Papantos – asked about the Runway 1230 widening.

Executive Director Miller said that the widening is still scheduled for 2027.

Mayor Ludvigsen – asked Executive Director Miller for his commentary on what the Airport and surrounding communities might expect in the next five-ten years.

Executive Director Miller commented that he expects UAS (unmanned aircraft systems) will be delivering more packages from Amazon. The advanced air mobility will increase pressure on airports.

There is the potential for technology to develop overseas traffic with less restrictions.

Because CEA is tier II, instrument based aircraft. Much of the new advancement may be in better weather cities like Miami.

Closing comments from Chairman Harris, Mayor Ludvigsen, President Horcher –

All three thanked the Airport Staff and Board, and the municipalities involved.

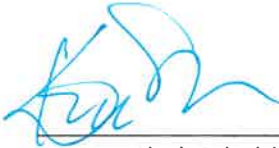
Adjournment –

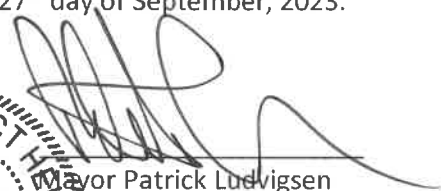
At 7:45PM, Mayor Ludvigsen asked for a roll call for adjournment from the Prospect Heights Council. There was unanimous approval. Motioned by Alderman Morgan-Adams and seconded by Alderman Anderson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES -	Cameron, Anderson, Morgan-Adams, Dash, Dolick
	NAYS -	None
	ABSENT -	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

Approved by the City Council of Prospect Heights on this the 27th day of September, 2023.


Deputy Clerk Schultheis


Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen

The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS" at the top and "ILLINOIS" at the bottom. The inner circle features the word "SEAL" in large, bold letters, with "Incorporated" and "A.D. 1906" written in smaller text below it.