

**Joint Airport Zoning Board Minutes**  
**September 6, 2018**  
**Duluth International Airport**  
**Amatuzio A Conference Room**

Chair Kevin Comnick welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 3:32 p.m. There is no quorum at this time, will rearrange this agenda and start with the updates on Communities and then discuss attendance at these meetings.

**1. Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Kevin Comnick	Canosia	John Geissler	Hermantown
Steve Kossett	Rice Lake	Teresa Koivula	Rice Lake
Steve Gerads	Duluth	Frank Jewell	St. Louis Co.
Dan Golen	Canosia		

**Absent:** David Kolquist, Hermantown; Peter Stauber, St. Louis Co.; James Reihl, Bob Pearson and Jeff Anderson, Duluth

**Visitors:** Blaine Peterson, Mary Ann Wittkop, Eric Johnson, Scott Sannes.

**2. Community Reports:**

- a. Canosia Township – In the initial stages of turning over the Planning and Zoning to St. Louis County – spoke on process and timeline. Received a confidential donation from an individual for the Canosia Historical Society, recreation area and the Fire Department.
- b. City of Duluth – no new information.

Dan Golen arrived 3:40 p.m.

- c. City of Hermantown: a lot of things happening – thanks to St. Louis County there is a new roundabout, Wellness Center in progress should be opened in October of 2019, spoke on storm water utility issue and process, there will be a new trunk sewer project next year should help with development in that area and highlighted signage in Hermantown.
- d. City of Rice Lake – City Hall renovations are now complete with the new roof, Kwik Trip should be open soon and have a new animal control person.
- e. St. Louis County – just attended a groundbreaking today for a new 96-unit apartment

building located in the Central Hillside area , exciting development bringing more people to this community.

Chair Connick mentioned there is a quorum at this time to conduct business.

**3. Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard: None**

**4. Unfinished Business:**

- a. MnDOT Zoning Reform Bill – Chair Connick explained this Zoning Board’s work will increase after the first of the year. The Chair and Vice Chair will meet with DAA representatives for information on how to proceed and begin the process. Plan to report this information to the Board at the December meeting.
- b. Mr. Peterson updated on the Runway 9/27 reconstruction projects – Phase 3 will begin next year, overviewed on the project and timeline, questions followed. Reviewed the Master Plan project, more details to come.

**5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Motion by Frank Jewell, seconded by John Geissler to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**6. New Business, Motions and Resolutions**

Chair Connick explained he would like to have a discussion regarding the importance of participation from all community Board members. He recommended requests for replacements for several community members who have lacked participation and the process to proceed. Teresa Koivula motioned to proceed to notify City officials of alternate individuals to fill the vacancies on the Board, seconded by Steve Kossett. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Connick opened the meeting for any other topics. John Geissler questioned if the Board of Appeals meeting will be held in January. Detailed discussion followed on the State Zoning Ordinance preparation, process and timeline.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Frank Jewell seconded by Teresa Koivula to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Chair Connick adjourned the September 6<sup>th</sup> JAZB meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Wittkop  
Recording Secretary