



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: 7/25/11
Agenda Item: 7c

Mission Statement

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President
Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Bob Bartelt, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Review and take action on a proposed letter supporting Austin Straubel Airport's grant application

ACTION REQUESTED: __Ordinance __Resolution _X_Motion __Receive/File

POLICY ISSUE

Does the Village Board wish to send a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Aviation Analysis supporting Austin Straubel Airport's grant application?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Austin Straubel International Airport is seeking a federal aviation grant to expand services to and from Green Bay. Advance Green Bay, the joint local economic development initiative, has asked each of the local municipalities to send a letter to the Office of Aviation Analysis in support of the grant. The grant deadline is in August, and Advance would like to submit all the letters with the application by the end of July.

FISCAL IMPACT:

1. Is There A Fiscal Impact? No
2. Is it Currently Budgeted? No
3. If Budgeted, Which Line?

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Village staff recommends the Village Board approve the letter in support of Austin Straubel Airport's grant application, as expanding commercial air service to the Green Bay area will boost the local economy.

If the Village Board agreed with this action, the following motion could be used, "*Motion to approve sending a letter supporting Austin Straubel Airport's grant application.*"

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following actions:

- Deny the suggested motion

ATTACHED INFORMATION

- I. Draft letter to the Office of Aviation Analysis in support of Austin Straubel's grant application

July __, 2011

Aloha Ley
Associate Director
Office of Aviation Analysis
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE W86-310
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Small Community Air Service Development Grant Application
Docket OST-2011-0119
Austin Straubel International Airport – Green Bay, WI

Dear Ms. Ley:

The Village of Howard, Wisconsin strongly supports the above referenced grant application that will help provide new and improved air service to the Austin Straubel International Airport. We recognize the importance of quality commercial air service to our overall economy.

The success of year-round, nonstop service from the Austin Straubel International Airport is critically important to the health and growth of our local and overall Green Bay business community. The viability of new air service improvements will provide a significant boost to economic development in our community through improved access for visitors, and most importantly, to support businesses like the ones in our village.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application.

Sincerely,

Burt McIntyre
Howard Village President