

**DuPAGE AIRPORT AUTHORITY
GOLF COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025**

A meeting of the Golf Committee of the DuPage Airport Authority Board of Commissioners was convened at the DuPage Flight Center Building, Third Floor Conference Room, 2700 International Drive, West Chicago, Illinois on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Committee Chairman Giunti called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. A quorum was present for the committee meeting.

Commissioners Present: Charvat, Chavez, Giunti, Hacker, Ligino-Kubinski

Commissioners Absent: None

DuPage Airport Authority Staff Present: Mark Doles, Executive Director; Patrick Hoard, Director of Finance; Dan Barna, Director of Operations and Facilities; Kristine Klotz, Executive Assistant, and Board Liaison; Karin Kietzman, Procurement Manager; Aidan Moore, Information Technology Assistant.

Others: Dan Pape, CMT

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Resolution 2025-2713; Award of Contract to Earthwerks Land Improvement & Development Corporation for Golf Course Pond Retaining Wall Repairs.

Approves a contract for pond retaining wall repairs at the Prairie Landing golf course. Total authorized construction cost not-to-exceed \$381,260, which includes a 10% owner's contingency.

Committee Chairman Giunti read into record Proposed Resolution 2025-2713. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Hacker to recommend Board approval of Proposed Resolution 2025-2713; Award of Contract to Earthwerks Land Improvement & Development Corporation for Golf Course Pond Retaining Wall Repairs. The **motion was seconded** by Commissioner Ligino-Kubinski. Dan Barna reported that the project involves repairing the irrigation retaining wall located near holes 9 and 18 at Prairie Landing Golf Course. Over time the irrigation pond has developed erosion from water levels raising and lowering. Wave action has undermined the existing sheet pile wall. Mr. Barna advised a combination of a new retaining wall and additional riprap along the existing pond perimeter would correct the large voids and water issues. Commissioner LaMantia raised concerns about the inconsistency of the bids. Dan Pape explained that the discrepancy was possibly due to each bidder's comfort level of the restoration process and access to the site. Mr. Pape advised that there is possible discrepancy with DuPage County's permitting as the pond's classification, which may be considered a wetland or a floodplain. Mr. Pape clarified that the pond is manmade and is used as water retention for the golf courses irrigation system. Executive Director Doles advised Earthwerks has extensive experience working with DuPage County's permit process. Mr. Doles noted that Earthwerks submitted a base bid per plan but also submitted an alternate bid for a block system. The block

system option would not incur an additional cost to the Airport Authority. Commissioner Hacker asked whether all bidders were permitted to bid for the same scope of work. Mr. Doles confirmed all bidders were allowed to bid under the same terms. Commissioner Giunti questioned the project's timeline. Mr. Pape advised that weather permitting construction would likely begin mid-November. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote (5-0).

2025 Season Update

Executive Director Doles reported that the current year's budget includes planning funds to begin the process to consider developing a permanent event structure at Prairie Landing Golf Course. The proposed facility would provide additional event space adjacent to the clubhouse. The structure would be a fully climate-controlled, four-season venue with capacity for up to 300 guests, and would directly connect to the existing building. The facility would replace the temporary tent currently used on the southeast side of the clubhouse. Mr. Doles noted the total cost of the project which may include the need to expand parking depending on the final plans. Mr. Doles advised that the facility would need to generate approximately double the current revenue at Prairie Landing to be sustainable, because aviation funds cannot be used for this project. The Airport Authority would need to secure a loan, which could be offset by doubling both large weddings and large golf outings annually. Currently a temporary tent is being used to host larger events. Mr. Doles advised that the project would likely be considered for the FY2027 budget. Commissioner LaMantia inquired about the number of weddings currently hosted. Mr. Doles reported that seven weddings have taken place this year, with 10 to 15 events annually. Mr. Doles added that additional infrastructure would be required to accommodate larger groups. Commissioner Charvat asked whether expanding the event space would allow the course to host additional events. Mr. Hoard responded that staff informs clients the current event space accommodates 215-220 people comfortably. However, many prospective brides are seeking rustic-themed venues rather than traditional banquet settings. Commissioner Ligin-Kubinski added that she personally knows brides with larger guest lists who chose alternative venues because Prairie Landing could not meet their capacity needs. Commissioner Hacker questioned whether sufficient parking could be provided. Mr. Doles responded that additional land on the property could potentially be used for parking expansion. Commissioner Chavez asked about opportunities to expand the facility footprint and noted that the back of the clubhouse provides a scenic setting for events. Mr. Doles emphasized that the new building would need to incorporate kitchen facilities, restrooms, and enhanced views. He described this first proposal as an initial option for accommodating larger groups. Mr. Giunti recommended that staff explore additional alternatives and present them to the committee for further review.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ligin-Kubinski to adjourn the Golf Committee Meeting and Commissioner LaMantia **seconded the motion**. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote and was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.



Anthony M. Giunti Jr., Chairman
Golf Committee