

Gaylord Regional Airport Advisory Committee (AAC)
February 10, 2009
Gaylord Regional Airport

Minutes

Members Present: Mike Deerfield, Jeff Ratcliffe, Mike Fernandez, Jeff Weiber, Dan Wagar, Paul Liss (ex-officio), Matt Barresi (Director)

Members Absent: Steve Johnson, Josh Kent, Wally McCoy

Others Present: Vic Briley, Ken Schlemmer, John Pyke

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Motion by Wagar, support by Ratcliffe to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting. Ayes all.

Special Presentations. Briley outlined the EAA's plans for a three day fly-in to coincide with the Splash-In.

Airport Operation and Grounds. Ratcliffe relayed request from Otsego County Equalization to develop a rational, sequential numbering system for the hangars. Consensus recommendation to Barresi to pursue renumbering existing hangars starting with the eastern most row and move west.

Airport Director's Report. Barresi reported on snow removal issues, repair of access gates, the former DNR hangar, attendance at recent aviation conference, and the Muzyl hangar power issue.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Terminal Furnishings. Ratcliffe to follow up again with Paula Nichols regarding the defects in the conference room table.

Planning Discussion:

- Airport Authority. Barresi reported on conversations with other airport managers at recent conference regarding formation of an airport authority. Key points are: timing is everything and now is not the time due to the economy; politics of authority board members can slant oversight with more concern about their individual jurisdictions than the airport.
- Deerfield discussed the list of five issues that the AAC should consider putting its focus on: developing a master/business plan; increasing operations into and out of KGLR; airport improvements; flight training; and financial management. After discussion it was agreed that community involvement and outreach should be added to the list. Discussion centered on what the AAC could do to educate without expending funds and how to further the airport strategically. Ideas floated included developing a Facebook presence, talks before local civic organizations, developing programs with the library, and hosting a career day for High School students. Discussion on the priorities focused on developing a master/business plan, improving the landside power supply, moving and restoring the beacon, constructing an SRE building, and locating an emergency services facility at the airport.

Open Discussion. Discussion regarding recognition of the late Doug Hancock. County would like to provide a resolution honoring him with a presentation to the family. Briley to follow up with Mr. Hancock's family about having a presentation at the EAA hangar in May or June.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be March 10, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.