

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

Minutes

Members Present: Mike Deerfield, Josh Kent, Jeff Ratcliffe, Dan Wagar, Wally McCoy, Paul Liss (ex-officio), Matt Barresi (Director)

Members Absent: Steve Johnson, Mike Fernandez, Jeff Weiber

Others Present: John Burt, Greg Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Liss, support by Wagar to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting as corrected. Ayes all.

New Board Member Appointment Recommendation. Applications received from Pat McNamara, Donna Subenvoll, and John Pyke to fill the seat vacated by Norm Brecheisen. After discussion, motion by Ratcliffe, support by Wagar to recommend to the County Transportation Committee that Pat McNamara be appointed to fill Brecheisen's seat on the AAC. Ayes all.

Airport Director's Report. Barresi reported conversations with an air charter operator interested in basing two planes at KGLR. Discussed operator's need for customer parking. Reported on efforts to add a food vending case from a local deli. Reported that an agreement was reached with North Country Aviation regarding fuel pricing.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Terminal Furnishings. Ratcliffe indicated that he had left messages with Paula Nichols regarding the defects in the conference room table and will try one more time. Ratcliffe to follow up with Kevin Drummond regarding donation of TV for pilot's lounge. Burt asked for specs and costs to complete pilot's lounge. Ratcliffe to forward.

Planning Discussion:

- Mission Statement. Barresi presented a draft mission statement developed by the County Transportation Committee for the airport. After review and discussion the following statement was agreed upon: Our Mission...To operate and grow a safe, secure and financially responsible airport and to spark the dreams of flight between generations in our community while growing partnerships between residents and business.
- AAC Issues Focus. The list of 6 issues for AAC focus was reviewed.
 - Barresi was asked to pursue funding for a master/business plan from airports that do not plan to use their entitlement funds (i.e. Atlanta).
 - Ratcliffe indicated that he and Barresi are working to fill out an MDOT form in order to estimate total enplanements.
 - Discussion on trying to move the installation of the putting green forward. Discussion on need to plan for additional long-term parking in ALP for new charter operator.
 - Discussion on completing the transfer of the MDNR hangar to the County. Motion by Ratcliffe, support by Deerfield to recommend that the County proceed with issuing notice to the MDNR that the lease has been terminated on their hangar and to move forward with negotiating the reuse of said by an interested private party. Ayes all.
 - Deerfield presented the Facebook page he has created for KGLR, how it works, how people can interact with it and how it will help in the AAC's efforts at community involvement and outreach.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be April 7, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.