



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2009 – 09:00 a.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

MINUTES

Commissioner Glasser called the meeting to order at 09:01 a.m.

Roll call – Present: Ken Glasser, Robert Harkness

Excused: Theron Higgin, Paul Liss

Others present: John Burt, Matt Barresi, Erma Backenstose, Greg Wilson

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Glasser to approve the minutes of Oct 8, 2009. Motion Carried.

Director's Report

A. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

Barresi presented his monthly financial reports to the Committee. Motion by Commissioner Glasser to accept the financial report. Motion Carried.

2. Air Fair Planning

Barresi provided an overview of the Air Fair to include a meeting he had with Lt Col. Latuszek the Camp Grayling Post Commander and his staff last Tuesday. Camp Grayling has no desire to hold its own air fair in the near future but would very much like to be a part of ours in Gaylord so long as it promotes the Army and the mission at Camp Grayling. The idea of having a mini Camp Grayling Air Fair at Gaylord was discussed and well received.

3. Year 2010 Development Projects

Barresi briefed the committee that after having MDOT Aviation Administrator Rick Hammond and Planning Manager Betsy Steudle fly to Gaylord to meet and assess the parking ramp and the need for the SRE building. Both MDOT representatives agreed that the ramp must be addressed first followed by an obvious need for the SRE building. Barresi went on to say that communication with Betsy from 4 November relayed she was forwarding the request on to the FAA and she would let us know hopefully by the end of the month if we were successful in securing the SRE building along with the ramp project.

Additionally Barresi briefed the committee that he was informed by Mike Deerfield at the Airport Advisory Meeting that Jeff Ratcliffe (absent from the advisory meeting) independently and without the airport managers knowledge contacted MDOT's Aviation Administrator Rick Hammond to better explain Gaylord's request to fund a financial plan. Barresi advised Deerfield that he felt this was inappropriate for Ratcliffe to discuss or negotiate on behalf of the airport without Barresi's knowledge and felt it could jeopardize the other projects that both the Airport Advisory and the Airport Transportation Committee have tasked Barresi with pursuing. The Committee directed Mr. Burt to address the issue with Mr. Deerfield and Mr. Ratcliffe and to make it clear to the Advisory Committee that they need to channel all communications regarding the airport planning and operation through the airport manager first.

4. Fuel Sump Saver

Barresi informed the committee in great detail as to the growing industry standard regarding the use of Sump Savers at airport fuel farm, a system not currently installed at Gaylord. Barresi outlined the economic benefit the Sump Saver would have to the Gaylord Airport in addition to the ability to recover a large amount of waste fuel. The cost of the units would pay for themselves in the first year. Motion by Commissioner Glasser supported by Harkness for Barresi to get cost estimates with the intent of moving forward with the installation of the sump savers. Motion Carried.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, Dec 10, 2009 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room .

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Glasser at 9:30a.m.