



## Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.  
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive  
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

### MINUTES

Advisory President Deerfield called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Jeff Ratcliffe, Bill Muzyl, Dan Wagar, Barry Owens, John Burt Donna Stubenvoll, Mike Deerfield, Commissioner Paul Liss (ex-officio)  
Matt Barresi (Director)

Others Present: Greg Wilson Absent: Jeff Wieber, Steve Johnson

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wagar to approve the minutes of Mar 6, 2012 Motion Approved.

#### A. Sub Committee Report

##### 1. Planning/Feasibility Study

Ratcliffe informed the Advisory that Explorer Solutions had presented four projects as part of the Airport Positioning Strategy Initiative. It was now up to the Advisory Subcommittee to evaluate and choose from them one as the potential primary aerospace development project along with a back-up choice. Each of the four potential projects were reviewed during the meeting and will be studied in greater detail by the subcommittee before a decision is made on the most suitable one for the Airport. Deerfield added that after choosing is validating the selected project.

##### 2. Flight Training

McCoy briefed for the Flight Training Subcommittee that at present he has three active flight students and two somewhat active students.

##### 3. AOPA Support for exemption from 14 CFT Part 61.

Deerfield briefed on how Currently, FAA regulations require all pilots to hold at least a third-class medical certificate to exercise the privileges of a private or recreational certificate. EAA and AOPA are asking the FAA for an exemption to that rule, which would give pilots who fly recreationally the option of getting a third-class medical or, instead, participating in a recurrent online education program that will teach them how to self-assess their fitness to fly. The education program will cover aeromedical factors and exceed the training presently mandated by the FAA. Wagar added that several in the local aviation community would be able to start flying again if this were to pass.

#### B. Airport Manager's Report

### **1. Radio Commercial**

Barresi played the commercial that has been broadcasting on local radio for two months which highlights what the airport does for the community. Also covered in the commercial is the ability to get flight training at the Gaylord Regional Airport, a potential help to our ongoing flight training effort and the upcoming Wings Over Gaylord Airshow.

### **2. Airport Open House**

Barresi informed the committee that he had met with the EAA and the airport had set a date for the open house to be coupled with the EAA pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Flights on 19 May 2012. Unlike the airshow which draws people's attention to the aircraft and the performances, the open house would draw attention to the airport facilities and its everyday mission. Several airport staff has also volunteered off duty time to help work the event.

### **3. Airport Logo**

Barresi stated that the airport logo needed to be refreshed to more accurately represent our market. Four logo options were presented to the Advisory for a vote of opinion. The new logo was chosen with a vote of 8 to 1 in favor of the solid blue GR with jet icon. It will then be forwarded to the Trans/Air Committee for approval before being adopted.

### **4. Airport Sign on Van Tyle and Dickerson Road**

Mr. Burt stated that the County had set aside funding to build a proper airport sign. Several were looked at before deciding on the one presented. Its structure is stone with raised metal lettering and keeps the alpine, resort feel while still looking modern at the same time. Deerfield suggested incorporating the new logo on the sign. Barresi will check costs of that.

### **5. 2012 Airshow Update**

Barresi briefed that one of the acts insisted on 19+ rooms so all the paratroopers can stay together. All the hotels and resorts currently contribute 4 rooms at 2 and some 3 nights but to have a hotel provide 19 rooms at 4 nights would be a large investment. Barresi was pleased to say that he had talked with Tom Zamoyski, GM of the Alpine Lodge who had graciously agreed to host the paratroopers as a contribution to the airshow.

### **6. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Barresi asked the Advisory for input to the CIP set for review/update in October of 2012. Presented were the Airport Layout Plan and a list of pending CIP items to be accomplished over the next 10 years at the airport. Some items are driven by the airports mission and needs while others will be mandated by MDOT-Aero. Many of the items were discussed and Barresi made a list of questions he would solicit responses from our consultants, MDOT- Aero and the FAA. Barresi will present all information gleaned by those agencies at the next advisory meeting. Muzyl added that not on the CIP is addressing the bump at the 9/27 & 18/36 crossover. Barresi stated he will add that to the CIP discussion with MDOT.

### **7. Infrastructure updates**

Barresi briefed on plans to remove the dilapidated "Tin Can" hangar. Mr Burt had a study done which confirmed that it would be too costly to refurbish and in its current state is a hazard. Barresi will see about resurfacing with pavement as a tack-on part of a project.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 2:30.p.m.