



Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

MINUTES

Advisory Vice President McCoy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Greg Wilson Absent: Mike Deerfield, Jeff Wieber, Donna Stubenvoll,
Steve Johnson, John Burt

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Wagar to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wagar to approve the minutes of Feb 7, 2012 Motion Approved.

A. Sub Committee Report

1. Planning/Feasibility Study

Ratcliffe informed the Advisory that we were asking for a “second look” at the airport comparisons conducted by Explorer Solutions to find airports more comparable to Gaylord’s airport and the local community. Ratcliffe and Muzyl made some comparative choices for alternate airports to be used and will be forwarded. Explorer has asked for more time to complete the update and the Advisory unanimously feels quality and thoroughness is preferred over expediting a product.

2. Flight Training

This subcommittee is still doing research and will report in the coming months. Barresi thanked McCoy for information the subcommittee had already delivered and was able to share with a flight training group at the 2012 Airport Managers Conference. The merits of not only promoting aviation to youth but to seek older potential pilots.

3. AOPA Support of House Bill 2040

Ratcliffe asked Barresi to brief on the bill presently up for a vote. Barresi stated that the AOPA and MAAE are supporting the bill and it was debated at length during conference. The bill is not without problems and states it will prevent loss of federal funds due to the inability of some states to provide matching funds. It does not address the already increased costs for airports to build and maintain infrastructure in 2012 going from 2.5% to 5% local share. Barresi handed out a letter from the MAAE outlining the bill which may hopefully prevent an increase in the cost of fuel or an increase in the matching entitlement share. Airports need both and the hope is the bill will accomplish that.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Managers Conference

Barresi briefed on highlights of the conference including Snow removal planning, Runway incursions, NOTAM issues, land planning near airports, HB 2040, Changes at MDOT Aviation. Airports need to be more involved in their communities, airshows, fly-ins and alike.

2. Quality of Life Survey

Barresi passed around the 25 Feb 2012 Market Place newspaper that reported the results of the local quality of life survey. It highlighted the Gaylord Airport on the front page and stated "*The Gaylord Regional Airport providing a needed service to the county found 66% agree that the airport does*". Very good numbers for an airport without commercial service to the community. Barresi researched the survey and found that 14% do not and 20% don't know. Barresi stated he was going to work on a plan to reach that 20%.

3. 2012 Airshow Update

Barresi outlined the airshow to this point and stated that there would be a kick-off meeting for the event on 14 Mar at 1pm at the airport. The one hour meeting is informational only. Planning meetings will be broken down into associated groups in weeks to follow. Emergency Service Groups one day and vendors another and so on.

C. Open Discussion

1. Military Operations Area (MOA)

McCoy stated that Lt. Col Brock from the range would be talking at the next EAA meeting regarding the temporary MOA for this coming summer. The military exercise from July 22 thru Sept 1. Barresi added that he had talked with LtCol Brock who stated he would provide lobby boards for local notification of pilots.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Apr 12, 2012 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by McCoy at 1:42.p.m.