



Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734



MINUTES

Advisory Secretary Ratcliffe called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Jeff Ratcliffe, John Burt, Wall McCoy, Steve Johnson, Donna Stubenvoll, Commissioner Paul Liss (ex-officio) Matt Barresi (Director)

Others Present: Commissioner Ken Borton

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012 Motion Approved.

A. Subcommittee Report

1. AAC Member Renewals

Ratcliffe asked the committee to approach potential candidates that might be interested in becoming members so we have a pool of applicants to consider. We will review this list of applicants at the next meeting.

2. Planning/Feasibility Study

Ratcliffe briefed the Advisory that Explorer Solutions is working on components of Phase II.

3. Engineering Selection

Ratcliffe deferred most of the discussion to the sub-committee meeting to follow the Advisory meeting. Barresi did state he had e-mailed an updated list of 9 perspective engineering companies out to the members for review.

4. Flight Training

McCoy briefed for the Flight Training Subcommittee that it was still an ongoing process. Several individuals made suggestions as to what may be the best way to generate new pilot trainees. This included having flight training appear on as many web sites as could be visited so if someone searches for Gaylord and flight training it would navigate the searcher to us. Barresi stated he was approached by John Study of the EAA who is actively seeking a grant for flight training at Gaylord to update the EAA building for student instruction of numerous aviation related classes. Barresi told him he would indorse the request.

5. AOPA Update

No new updates

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Infrastructure updates

Barresi briefed that the SRE building was progressing and that the lightning strike repairs to the airport lighting was 99% completed. Six lights must still be worked on but the lions share is done. Johnson provided Barresi with a contact for the possibility of using drilled wells as a form of lightning protection. Barresi will follow up and report at the next meeting.

2. Airport Community Events

Barresi informed the committee that the airport Business after Hours with the Chamber and the Alpine Sports Pub was tomorrow the 9th of January starting at 5pm. Barresi also gave a brief update on the airshow planning and presented to the committee an article in the EAA magazine about the importance of airports involvement in community activities.

3. Advisory End of Year Report

Barresi stated that he would present the report to the committee at the February meeting and asked if the Advisory wished to write the report in a different way. After a brief discussion the committee agreed that Barresi should continue to do it and in the same way

C. Open Discussion

1. Through The Fence Agreement

Ratcliffe asked about the Through the Fence Agreement process and Mr. Burt stated that he had instructed Barresi to take the current draft to the Airport Managers Conference in February to get other airports opinions as well as MDOT Aero.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Feb 12, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Ratcliffe at 1:35.p.m.