



Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 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 1:00 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Jeff Ratcliffe, John Burt, Steve Johnson, Bill Muzyl, Donna Stubenvoll, Dan Wagar, Commissioner Paul Liss (ex-officio) Commissioner Ken Borton, Matt Barresi (Director)

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Wagar to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013 Motion Approved.

A. Subcommittee Report

1. AAC Member Renewals

Ratcliffe asked the committee to review the application of the advisory candidate Tom Marker. After review and short discussion, Motion by Wagar seconded by Muzyl to approve Marker as a new member to the Advisory. All in favor, Motion Approved. Markers name will be forwarded to the Transportation Committee for Approval.

2. Planning/Feasibility Study

Ratcliffe informed the Advisory that he and Barresi had just had a conference call with Explorer Solutions who just completed work on forming the steering committee as part of the Phase II planning. The committee is made up of representatives of Airports, Airlines, manufacturing and academia. A meeting date for all involved is expected in Gaylord around the 29th of May 2013 timeframe.

3. Flight Training

The Flight Training Subcommittee had nothing new to report but Barresi stated he was helping the subcommittee by doing some cold call research of about 30 flight schools in the nation to answer some statistical questions that might help the subcommittee as it goes forward. Barresi stated he would provide the informational worksheet at the May meeting.

4. AOPA Update

a. Deerfield Notes

Ratcliffe asked the committee for input regarding the Deerfield notes. This covered the sequester, tower closings, federal budget, users fees, Port of Entry and other AOPA items.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building

Barresi updated the advisory on the near completion of the SRE building and that he had received temporary occupancy permission until MDOT Aero and URS engineers complete the final "punch list" with the contractor Johnson Diversified. Barresi asked the advisory if they would like to take a tour of the SRE building as part of the May meeting, all were in favor of taking a tour and getting a briefing from the builder.

2. Wings Over Gaylord Airshow 2013

Barresi provided the advisory with copies of the 2013 airshow poster, sponsor guides and briefed on the airshow lineup. He also talked about how the federal budget cuts have shut down the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds performance teams and many airshow's have canceled the 2013 year or have very unspectacular shows planed to date. In contrast with Gaylord's early signing of several high energy unique performers and the unaffected by U.S. budget cuts Canadian military's involvement in the Gaylord airshow. Barresi feels we have been given a great opportunity. Barresi also highlighted the significant financial contributions of some new supporters

C. Open Discussion

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Ratcliffe at 1:25.p.m.