



Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, Aug 9, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

MINUTES

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

Roll call – Present: Mike Deerfield, Jeff Ratcliffe, Bill Muzyl, Wally McCoy
Kris Klay, Steve Johnson, Dan Wagar, Paul Liss (ex-officio) Matt Barresi (Director)

Absent: Jeff Wieber, Donna Stubenvoll

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Johnson to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Johnson to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 Motion Approved.

A. Sub Committee Report

1. Planning/Feasibility Study

Ratcliffe briefed that we still needed \$31K and should try local and regional foundations for funding to secure the remaining amount. The CDBG funds require that we conduct a request of qualifications to choose a consultant and he has prepared a list of potential consultants and a draft RFQ to be sent out. The consensus was that we move forward on establishing the language of the document and get that process started. A follow-up sub committee meeting is scheduled for Friday Aug 12th at 1pm.

2. Flight Training

Deerfield briefed the Advisory on the flight training sub committee meeting held on 21 July to consider ideas to promote GLR as a flight training destination. Outlined were the following:

- McCoy stated, Airlines will be looking for up to 10,000 new pilots in the next 10 years
- Deerfield commented that new pilots help feed the General Aviation (GA) market for Gaylord. More flight training means more business. Flight Training will attract more student pilots.
- Members outlined our capabilities to accomplish this being comprised of 1 rental aircraft and 1 instructor at present and we have 2 students in our pipeline. Plenty of meeting space and possibly a dedicated hangar and classroom / school house with McCoy's pending purchase of the large McNamara hangar
- Members outlined obstacles and possible solutions to accomplishing this are the public's lack of knowledge to flight training opportunities at GLR. Corrected with Advisory and GLR outreach to High Schools and Community Colleges. Set class schedules/orientation, advertise, pick dates and get the word out. Cost savings at GLR 5K vs. 17K at other locations. Economic conditions, owning / maintaining cost of airplane. Does it make more sense to recruit career pilots vs. recreational pilots?
- Deerfield suggested look at forming GLR flying club. Businessmen's flying club like Napier, Ill. McCoy asked about Regulation and insurance issues that come with that and will research.

- Deerfield commented that the EAA Young Eagles Program is key to establishing a spark introduction to aviation to future pilots. This should be cultivated and expanded, possibly with a career day.
- Muzyl suggested the benefits of having the certification “Road Shows” some organizations put on that offer a traveling weekend ground school. This not only helps teach the book in a classroom setting but offers the exam at completion. All agreed this would be something we would want to explore and bring to Gaylord.

B. Airport Manager’s Report

1. Ramp Project

Barresi updated the advisory on the parking ramp rehabilitation project that started on 11 July 2012. The new ramp construction will be completed tomorrow and work on the Alpha Taxiway will start on Thursday. Barresi presented the advisory with composition nomenclature and a core sample of the new ramp. The SRE building access road “Fast Ride” is completed and the aggregate for perimeter road around the airport has been placed down but will still need to be bladed flat.

2. Michigan Aviation News

Barresi updated the advisory on events occurring in the state aviation market and provided members with an update outlining Delta Airlines list of airports it would no longer be based out of. Also included was a Michigan breakdown of Essential Air Service (EAS) Airports and highlights of an article on how some in congress wish to put an end to the EAS program. Barresi also briefed on his trip to Alpena and his meeting with the Alpena Airport manager. Alpena is looking at life without Delta Airlines and still competing with the help of Explorer Solutions who they have hired to find them new markets.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Sept 6, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 2:18.p.m.