



## Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2015, – 2:00 p.m.  
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive  
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734



### MINUTES

Deerfield called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Paul Liss, John Burt, Mike Deerfield, Don Matz, Lisa McComb  
Wally McCoy, Donna Stubenvoll, Matt Barresi (Director)

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Matz to approve the minutes of 2 Dec 2014. Motion Approved.

#### A. Subcommittee Report

##### 1. AOPA Updates

Deerfield briefed on several subject areas to include:

- Funding secured for FAA through Sept 2015. The Omnibus includes \$12.4 billion for the FAA, approximately \$17 million less than the FAA's 2014 funding level. It will however secure small airports 5% local match for projects already in development.
- Unmanned aerial systems (UAS) research and a new center of excellence on UAS in addition to more funds for UAS development.
- Small Airplane Revitalization Act which the FAA will use to complete final rules that advance the safety and development of small airplanes.
- California Prop 65 Avgas Lawsuit settled insuring California airports use the lowest-lead content fuel available and post signage warning the public that aircraft fuel is being used. McCoy shared with the committee some of the regulations airline pilots adhere to.
- Power Plant Hazard in Connecticut has pilots protesting the construction of a 150 foot smoke stack that could become a hazard to aviation. Mr. Burt added that this is not a problem in our area and that proposed developers work in close contact with the County and the Airport. Barresi added that he receives notification of all construction over two stories tall for airport review and comment.
- Proposed Medical Reform Delay now in its 3rd year. The standard which allows some pilots to fly recreationally without obtaining a third class medical certification has been in use since 2004.
- AOPA Fly-Ins in 2015, possibly something for GLR in the future but would require more aircraft parking space and a facility and volunteer commitment similar to or larger than the present GLR airshow.

## **B. Airport Manager's Report**

### **1. Airport Community Events**

Barresi briefed that the airports 4<sup>th</sup> hosting of the Chambers Business After Hours was a great success with more than 152 business and community leaders attending. He also informed the committee that the Monthly Veterans Coffee was receiving much praise and has been highlighted on the front page of the local paper and featured in a lengthy segment on regional TV news. Most importantly the coffee has become very useful for and thoroughly enjoyed by our veterans. Sponsorship for the monthly coffee is booked well into next year. Barresi concluded with an update on planning events for the 2015 instalment of Wings Over Gaylord Airshow.

### **2. MAAE Newsletter**

Barresi provided a copy of the January 2015 MAAE Newsletter which he edits for the association and writes in monthly. The publication is sent by the MAAE office to all Michigan airports and affiliates as well as governmental agencies like MDOT and the FAA.

### **3. Infrastructure**

Barresi went over the pavement replacement plan for the airports North taxi streets and stated that because MDOT will only replace pavement area smaller than most existing hangar door openings the County was going to pay to widen those entry areas with additional pavement to hangars. This project will also rectify pavement flooding issues our hangar owners have experienced in those areas of the airport. Barresi also asked that if any hangar owners were thinking of selling there hangar to let him know since he had a buyer looking for a hangar to purchase.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Mar 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 2:47 p.m.