



## Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday 21 July 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 2:01 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Mike Deerfield, Don Matz, Paul Gunderson, Lisa McComb  
John Burt, Paul Liss (Commissioner), Matt Barresi (Director)

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gunderson to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Matz to approve the minutes of 12 May 2015. Motion Approved.

#### A. Subcommittee Report

##### 1. AOPA Updates

Deerfield briefed on subject areas to include:

The FAA has accepted nine fuels to be evaluated as potential replacements to 100 low-lead avgas, marking significant progress in the search for an unleaded fuel to serve the general aviation fleet. The FAA has set a goal of deploying an unleaded avgas by 2018.

Third class medical reform which is a key aviation issue included in the Pilot's Bill of Rights Under this bill, pilots flying recreationally would no longer be required to get a third class medical certificate in order to make noncommercial VFR and IFR flights in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 pounds with up to six seats. A key provision in the bill would ensure that pilots can fly under the new rules even if the FAA fails to comply with the bill's provisions.

Pilots who file flight plans and get weather briefings through DTC DUAT may lose the ability to do so through DTC in a week, the company warned pilots on its website July 8. The FAA awarded the direct user access terminal services (DUATS) II contract to Lockheed Martin and CSC in May, establishing a 60-day transition period for customers of existing provider DTC DUAT. When that transition period ends July 16, DTC may not be able to file flight plans and access complete weather data for briefings from the FAA.

FAA plans to have some contract run air traffic control towers. The focus most likely being on saving money, to encourage training and the ability to eliminate substandard performers. This will also allow many non FAA serviced Towers the option of reopening with a contractor.

AOPA, the Recreational Aviation Foundation, and the Oregon Pilots Association have all supported the legislation that would make it clear that aviation is among those activities for which landowners need not fear liability for allowing use of their property. This bill, like many others passed around the country in recent years, removes a strong disincentive to allowing aircraft operations on private land.

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

### **1. Infrastructure**

Barresi briefed the committee on the project to replace the hangar taxi lane pavement north of the airport parking ramp and parallel to Aero Drive. This project replaces the last poorly rated pavement at the Gaylord Regional Airport which is estimated to be over 30 years old. The project has started and has an estimated completion time of 2 to 3 weeks. The project will also solve some reoccurring water drainage issues with rebuilding the grade and adding a water collection and discernment, redirection point.

Barresi is working with MDOT (Roads) to have erected green informational signs on I-75 both north and south bound informing travelers to exit the highway at Exit 282 for the Gaylord Regional Airport.

Barresi informed the committee and asked them to look at the replacement logo sign at the airports front counter. This was very much needed to not only identify to customers where they just landed but to showcase the lobby as a professional facility.

### **2. Airshow**

Barresi was pleased to brief the committee on the success of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wings Over Gaylord Airshow. Barresi credited it to the record number of contributors, the great support from so many agencies and good weather for the shows huge success and record attendance. Barresi went on to inform the committee that attendees and support from surrounding communities has made the event more regional and as such next years airshows title will be slightly changed to incorporate those communities. Barresi stated after consulting Mr Burt, Deerfield, Commissioners and many others the 7<sup>th</sup> instalment of the airshow will be called "Wings Over Northern Michigan – Gaylord". After some discussion the board members agreed the name change was appropriate.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Aug 11, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 3:01 p.m.