



## Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday 10 Nov 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, Bill Muzyl, Wally McCoy, Paul Liss (Commissioner), Matt Barresi (Director)

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gunderson to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by McCoy to approve the minutes of 8 Sept 2015. Motion Approved.

#### A. Subcommittee Report

##### 1. AOPA Updates

Deerfield briefed on subject areas to include:

The FAA has released an updated list of cold temperature restricted airports. Temperatures can fall so far in cold weather that altimeter error may require pilots on instrument approaches to make altitude adjustments. Pellston and Cherry Capital airports are listed but surprisingly Gaylord was not.

The AOPA is backing legislation House Bill 4727 now awaiting a hearing before the Michigan State Transportation Committee. The Bill would make low-altitude flights safer by requiring the marking of towers used to gather weather information.

Support for medical reform continues to grow. Current language in the Pilots Bill of Rights would allow most pilots, including many those requiring a special insurance medical to visit an AME just once in their flying careers. In fact the 10 year reach-back provision is estimated to capture nearly 300,000 pilots who will never need to see an AME again

The FAA is making steady progress on fuels to be evaluated as potential replacements to 100 low-lead avgas. Focusing now on material compatibility testing and ring testing The FAA has set a goal of deploying an unleaded avgas by 2018.

Deerfield briefed on the MOA- (Military Operations Area) scheduled for summer 2016. Barresi stated he had contacted Jeff at North Country Aviation who did not feel it would affect their operations. Barresi also stated that he had been in contact with the 2016 airshow Air Boss who also did not feel the MOA would affect the airshow. Discussion continued on if it could affect other resident pilots but no specific concern was pinpointed or to severe that would warrant generating a letter of protest to the MOA.

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

### **1. Airport Updates**

Barresi briefed the committee on MDOT Roads placement of Airport identifier signs on I-75 in both north and south bound directions. The signs will assist in airshow directions also.

Barresi stated that the one year anniversary of the airports veterans' coffee last week had over 90 veterans attend. With Al Blackburn the manager for Gaylord meijers store as the guest coffee drinker. The event has helped countless veterans connect with each other and has sparked some aviation enthusiasts at the same time.

Barresi briefed on items covered at the Airport Managers Conference to include the future of funding from FAA and MDOT Aeronautics sources. Barresi added that Otsego County was firmly supportive of the airports growth and its funding to insure its eligibility status with the for mentioned aviation agencies.

Barresi briefed the committee on the completed drainage portion of the taxi lane project. This project provides some much needed drainage disbursement which recent rains have shown works perfectly, keeping the pavement free of standing water.

Barresi added that he had received an email from MDOT earlier in the day stating that a published list was available of redundant under-utilized legacy Instrument Flight Procedures that were being scheduled for cancellation. Almost every airport in Michigan and around the country was listed along with Gaylord. After much statewide confusion and an abundance of inquiries by airports to the originating authority the following clarification was made by one of the Michigan Aviation consulting firms.

The subject procedures are older technology approach procedures that have replaced by GPS. Cancellation of these procedures do not affect your ILS procedures, GPS procedures, or commercial service operators.

### **2. Airshow Updates**

Barresi briefed on the scheduled contracted acts that have been signed for "Wings Over Northern Michigan". He also took the opportunity to thank the Advisory Committee for their fantastic hard work and support for the 6<sup>th</sup> successful Wings Over Gaylord Airshow and presented each Advisory member with a commemorative 2015 Airshow Challenge Coin. Barresi explained that the Challenge Coin would replace the thank you prints and allow every participant and sponsor that helped make the show a success would receive a face to face thank you and a Commemorative Coin.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Jan 12, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 2:55 p.m.