



## Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 8, 2013, – 2:30 p.m.  
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive  
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734



### MINUTES

Advisory President Deerfield called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call – Present: Mike Deerfield, Jeff Ratcliffe, John Burt, Wally McCoy, Donna Stubenvoll, Commissioner Paul Liss (ex-officio) Matt Barresi (Director)

Others – Present: Commissioner Ken Borton, Gary Merritt

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Stubenvoll to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by McCoy to approve the minutes of Sept 17, 2013. Motion Approved.

#### **A. Subcommittee Report**

##### **1. Planning/Feasibility Study**

Ratcliffe had nothing new to report at this time.

#### **B. AOPA Update**

##### **1. One Dollar a Gallon Fuel**

Deerfield briefed on Redbird Skyport of San Marcos, pumping over 9,000 gallons of avgas in three days of a \$1-per-gallon price promotion. The airport with sponsors is gathering information on pilot flying habits to see if fuel cost is the major factor for many privately owned aircraft pilots who are not flying.

##### **2. Aviation Summit**

Deerfield briefed on an AOPA Aviation Summit and AOPA's plans to take the show on the road. This would allow many small airports to possibly host the event which features booths demonstrations and vendors in the aviation business. Maybe even Gaylord!

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

##### **1. Drag Racing**

Barresi and the Advisory reviewed an information packet Barresi had prepared covering the pros and cons of Drag Racing to include information on compliance with grant assurance agreements. After some discussion the Advisory agreed that this would not be practical or advisable to pursue at the Gaylord Regional Airport.

## **2. Turkey Trot**

Barresi informed the committee that the Wings Over Gaylord Airshow and the local Toys for Tots were partnering for the 2013 Thanksgiving Day Race. Costs for putting on the event and proceeds would be split between the two groups. Planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual run was ongoing and being well advertised. Currently the committee is working to sell advertising on the t-shirts to help fund the event. Stubenvoll had already secured 5 financial contributors.

## **3. MDOT Aero Inspection**

Barresi briefed the Advisory that MDOT Aero had just completed a bi-annual inspection of the Gaylord Regional Airport. Although Barresi is waiting on the written report the inspector stated the airport was in great shape and everything looked very good. Barresi commended the fantastic maintenance team the county contracts for making it happen.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Nov 12, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 1:25.p.m.