



Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday 8 Sept 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, Wally McCoy, Dan Wagar, Paul Liss (Commissioner), Matt Barresi (Director)

Approval of Agenda

Motion by McCoy to approve the agenda, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Burt to approve the minutes of 21 July 2015. Motion Approved.

A. Subcommittee Report

1. AOPA Updates

Deerfield briefed on subject areas to include:

The FAA numbers show the contemplated predictions of the future of GA and aviation in general. The following is from the AOPA website. Where is general aviation headed? The truth is, nobody knows, but the FAA is paid to try to predict the future. Earlier this year the FAA released these numbers that are as good as any at predicting the future. The tracking device company

- **593,499** The total number of pilots in 2014, predicted to increase to 617,000 in 2035.
- **174,883** The number of private pilots in 2014, predicted to drop to 163,600 in 2035.
- **120,546** The number of student pilots in 2014, predicted to drop to 112,200 in 2035.
- **44.8** The average age of a U.S. pilot in 2014.
- **139,890** The number of aircraft in the piston-engine fleet in 2014, predicted to drop to 125,935 in 2035.
- **198,860** The GA fleet total in 2014, predicted to increase to 214,260 in 2035.
- **2,200** The estimated light sport aircraft fleet in 2014, predicted to increase to 5,360 in 2035.
- **5,157** The number of sport pilots in 2014, predicted to grow to 14,950 by 2035.

The tracking device company Spot by Globalstar has partnered with Lockheed Martin Flight Service to provide automated position monitoring for aircraft operating under visual flight rules (VFR). Using a Spot Gen3 or Spot Trace unit, you can file a VFR flight plan with Lockheed Martin Flight Service and, on your Spot account Web page, authorize data to be sent to Lockheed Martin. If the aircraft stops moving or stops sending position reports, an alarm is triggered immediately at Lockheed Martin Flight Service. The aircraft's most recent GPS coordinates are forwarded to search-and-rescue authorities. The Spot Gen3 also features an SOS button that can send an instant distress message along with GPS position information to GEOS International Emergency Response Coordination Center, immediately initiating search operations.

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. Although the new fuel is hoped to be available due to legacy testing in older aircraft 100LL will still be available for use.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Infrastructure

Barresi briefed the committee on the completion of 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. He also briefed on the road construction bordering the airport.

2. Airshow

Barresi briefed that a "Wings Over Northern Michigan" planning meeting would be scheduled for October.

The next meeting date will be on Tuesday, Nov 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Deerfield at 2:35 p.m.