



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, Aug 11, 2011 – 09:00 a.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

MINUTES

Commissioner Liss called the meeting to order at 09:05 a.m.

Roll call – Present: Paul Liss, Ken Borton, Doug Johnson

Others present: John Burt, Theron Higgins, Matt Barresi, Rich Sumerix, Erma Backenstose

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the minutes of July 14, 2011. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Liss to approve the agenda with the addition of (Item C. Veterans Van) to the Transportation Directors report, Motion Carried.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins provided QuickBooks balance report. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to acknowledge report as shown, all in favor, Motion Approved.

2. New Fed/State Grant for 3 new buses

Higgins informed the committee that we received a new grant authorizing purchase of 3 new buses. Higgins mentioned that as soon as grant comes back approved, 3 new buses will be ordered with a projected delivery of February or March of 2012.

3. Veterans Van

Higgins passed on info to the committee that the veterans transport van is in need of approximately \$1,000 in repairs to keep it on the road for the next couple years. Higgins is working with MDOT and Marlene Hopp from County Veterans Affairs on a grant possibility for a new Veterans Transport Van.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

Barresi presented his monthly financial reports to the Committee. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to acknowledge the financial report. Motion Approved.

2. Airport Projects

Barresi updated the committee on the parking ramp rehabilitation project that started on 11 July 2012. The new ramp construction was completed and work on the Alpha Taxiway was started today. Barresi presented the committee with composition nomenclature and a core sample of the new ramp. The SRE building access road "Fast Ride" is completed and the

aggregate for perimeter road around the airport has been placed down but will still need to be bladed flat. Barresi then briefed on the condition of the 5.9 miles of airport perimeter fence that has weathered some extensive damage over the years. This damage degrades the ability to keep wildlife off the runway and from coming in contact with aircraft moving at high speeds. Mr Burt provided pictures of the areas of the fence in immediate need. Barresi received an estimate from a fencing company that repairs to fix all fence would be about \$5,400.00 and asked for a motion to pay for the potential life saving repairs. Motion by Commissioner Borton to make the repairs. All in favor, Motion approved. Higgins added that he has some fence fabric that may be used and possibly reduce the overall cost when completed. Barresi will have the fence contractor assess and possibly utilize the material.

3. Michigan Aviation Update

Barresi updated the committee on events occurring in the state aviation market and provided members with an update outlining Delta Airlines list of airports it would no longer be based out of. Also included was a Michigan breakdown of Essential Air Service (EAS) Airports and highlights of an article on how some in congress wish to put an end to the EAS program. Barresi also briefed on his trip to Alpena and his meeting with the Alpena Airport manager. Alpena is looking at life without Delta Airlines and still competing with the help of Explorer Solutions who they have hired to find them new markets.

4. Airport Hangar Rules Amendment Letter

Barresi stated that Otsego County and the Gaylord Regional Airport is under federal obligation to make sure the airport is fully compatible with airport operations. We see all exterior storage of non-aeronautical parts, equipment, and trailers in direct conflict with this obligation and must take action to be compliant with these terms. Barresi presented a letter instructing all visitors and residents that parking of trailers, RVs and campers on airport grounds for more than 3 days will not be allowed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the enforcement of the policy. All in favor, Motion approved.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, Sept 8, 2011 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 10:10 am.