



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2012 – 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, Erma Backenstose

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of Feb 9, 2012. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins provided Monthly Balance Sheet to Committee. Motion by Commissioner Borton to acknowledge report as shown, all in favor, Motion Approved.

2. Emergency Medical Transportation

Higgins informed the Committee that due to recent Coordination efforts with the LEPC and the Commission on Aging, the County Bus has been providing emergency transit to individuals needing dialysis during bad weather days when the bus system is closed. Also during the recent snow storm/power outage situation the County Emergency Management called up the bus system to assist with large scale evacuations if needed to transport individuals to a shelter location. The evacuation did not occur, but the County Bus was ready to assist within 10 minutes of the call from Emergency Management.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

Barresi presented his monthly financial reports to the committee and outlined his previous meeting with the Finance Committee. Barresi stated that the airport would on the average need to raise the cost of fuel in order to provide services that Jet traffic expects to receive. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to acknowledge the financial report. All in favor, Motion Approved.

2. Airport Managers Conference in Lansing

Barresi briefed on highlights of the conference including Snow removal planning, Runway incursions, NOTAM issues, land planning near airports, HB 2040, Changes at MDOT Aviation. Airports need to be more involved in their communities, airshows, fly-ins, open house and alike so the community knows what the airport is there for.

Barresi passed around the 25 Feb 2012 Market Place newspaper that reported the results of the local quality of life survey. It highlighted the Gaylord Airport on the front page and stated *"The Gaylord Regional Airport providing a needed service to the county found 66% agree that the airport does"*. Very good numbers for an airport without commercial service to the community. Barresi researched the survey and found that 14% do not and 20% don't know. Barresi stated he was going to work on a plan to reach that 20%.

3. Infrastructure Updates

Barresi informed the committee that the bid meeting for the SRE building would be held on 14 Mar 2012 and construction should take place in August. Structural assessment of the T-Hangars is continuing and will be briefed when final report is in. Barresi briefed items from the five year plan regarding hangar growth and its limitations until some higher MDOT priority projects are completed.

4. Airport Open House

Barresi informed the committee that he had met with the EAA President Wally McCoy and that they had set a date for the open house to be coupled with the EAA pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Flights on 19 May 2012. Unlike the airshow which draws people's attention to the aircraft and the performances, the open house would draw attention to the airport facilities and its everyday mission.

5. 2012 Air Show

Barresi gave an overview of performers that were confirmed to attend and those we were still pursuing. Barresi outlined the airshow to this point and stated that there would be a kick-off meeting for the event on 14 Mar at 1pm at the airport. The one hour meeting is informational only. Planning meetings will be broken down into associated groups in weeks to follow. Emergency Service Groups one day and vendors another and so on.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 10:22 am.