



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 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 09:00 a.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the minutes of Mar 10, 2011. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the agenda, with the addition of Transportation Manager's Budget Revisions. Item added to the Transportation Director's briefing, marked as item C. Motion Carried.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins provided a QuickBooks Balance sheet. Motion by Commissioner Liss to accept report as show. All in favor, Motion Approved.

2. Audit Status Sealed Bid Sale or Scrap of old Bus #6

Higgins recommended approval to sell old bus using sealed bid method or Scrap at A&L Iron, whichever amount comes in higher. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the sale or scrap of the old bus. All in favor, Motion approved.

3. Budget Revision

Higgins informed the Committee that the budget for FY2012 is in question at the MDOT/Lansing level and there is a chance that 20 million will be removed from the public transit line items in FY2012 which will severely impact Public Transit operations across the state. More info will be available and Higgins will keep the Committee informed as to the final outcome of the budget battle in Lansing.

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. Barresi added that at the Airport Advisory Committee meeting it was suggested that if possible the county should consider a fuel discount to the regular fuel cost for the purpose of generating flight training. After some discussion on the subject a Motion by Commissioner Liss to approve a \$.40 cent per gallon discount to Traverse Lakes Aviation for the purpose of training pilots. All in favor, Motion approved.

2. Ramp Rehab

Barresi updated progress on the airport's parking ramp rehabilitation project scheduled to begin on or about 5 July 2011. Plans for the SRE building were received by URS and Barresi had both ARFF maintenance personnel from Gaylord and Pellston look at the plans to provide input. Several of their suggestions will be incorporated into the plans.

3. Island Airways

Barresi informed the committee that he had met with Island Air (IA) last week and they were using up all the fuel they had purchased in Charlevoix previously before they utilized Gaylord on a more regular basis. IA has filled two of their planes in Gaylord so far and we expect that to be a more recurring event. IA also wishes to do a mid-May or sooner Beaver Island welcome to Gaylord kick-off event. Barresi will brief more on those plans as they develop.

4. 2011 Air Show Update

Barresi stated that the money that had been collected to date was received much faster than the previous year and Mr. Burt added that the air show had more pledges than at this time last year also. Barresi showed the committee an advance viewing of the TV commercial that will advertise the air show starting ten days before the event. Mr Burt suggested placing the commercial on the county website for more coverage. Barresi also briefed the committee on plans in the works to tow a plane down to the Meijer's parking lot on or about the 18th of May 2011 as a media kickoff for the air show. The idea being that a plane appears every year in a different place in Gaylord reminding people we are only weeks away from the big event. Mr Burt also added that the dilapidated house on the corner will be removed in the next couple of weeks as soon as the frost laws allow for the demolition to take place. This eagerly anticipated project will provide the airport with a much better first impression of our airport to visitors.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, May12, 2011 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 10:08 am.