



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2010 – 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: Robert Harkness, Paul Liss, Mike Hyde

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Hyde to approve the minutes of April 8, 2010. Motion Carried.

Director's Report

A. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

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

2. Airport Information Campaign

Barresi gave the committee copies of the Gaylord Regional Airport information pamphlet and talked about how the airport needs to inform the public about the vital missions the airport carries out each day. Commissioner Liss instructed Barresi and Higgins to try and make a presentation at the MTA meeting next week and share with the different townships the job Otsego County Transportation is doing. Barresi will present the offer to the MTA and coordinate details.

3. Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee elected the following officers: Deerfield Chairperson, McCoy, Vice-Chairperson. The Advisory Committee requests the Trans/Air Committee to reinstate the office of Secretary. Subject to the reinstatement approval, Ratcliffe was elected Secretary. Barresi will maintain the Advisory minutes. Motion by Commissioner Hyde to reinstate the position of Advisory Secretary with the provision that the Airport Manager continue recording the minutes. Motion Approved. Barresi also stated that at his request the Advisory will not meet in June due to Barresi being out of state that week and the air show taking place the following week.

4. Advisory Sub-Committee

Barresi briefed that he and the Advisory Sub-Committee had scheduled a meeting between the MEDC and MDOT for the 25th of May at 4 pm at the airport to try and find ways to finance a feasibility study.

5. Airport Oil and Gas Lease

Mr. Burt informed the committee that the county had been approached by Bill Muzyl of Muzyl Oil regarding Gas and Oil leasing of property that the county owned at the airport. Mr. Burt and Barresi feel the leasing by Muzyl has merit and the revenue could be used for replenishing the airport's Capital Improvement line Item. Mr Burt would like to do more research on the proposal and the locations in question before making any decisions. It was the consensus of the Trans/Air Committee that Mr. Burt and Barresi should proceed and look further into the matter with the intent of leasing the sites.

6. Air Show

Barresi updated the committee on sponsors that have pledged donations and those who have since paid. He also briefed on the Saturday kick off of air show advertising by towing a plane down Main Street to the pavilion in the center of town.

B. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins provided a Quick Books Profit and Loss statement to the committee. Motion by Commissioner Liss to acknowledge report. All in favor, motion approved.

2. Community Connect/Coalition for the Homeless/Poverty Reduction Initiative

Higgins briefed the Committee on the Annual Community Connect support from the County Bus, providing 27 free rides to the E-Free Church and back home.

3. Air Show Support

Higgins informed the Committee that the Airport Director Matt Barresi and he are working closely to coordinate bussing needs for the Annual Air show to ensure patrons get from parking areas to main Air show area, and Air show personnel are shuttled to their respective hotels.

4. Airport Courtesy Car

Higgins provided information on the repair of the Airport Courtesy car. The repairs are done, and the car has been delivered to the airport for use. The County Bus Mechanics repaired the vehicle for half the price of a local repair shop's estimate.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room. Barresi expressed his regrets and informed the committee that he would be out of state at that time and would not be able to attend.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 10:07 am.