

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport
Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Gogebic-Iron County Airport
E5560 Airport Rd.
Ironwood, MI 49938

December 9, 2024
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mr. Hanson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (4) Mr. Byrns, Mr. Lorenson, Mr. Loreti, Mr. Hanson

Absent: (1) Mr. Siirila

Others Present: Kristi Freeman, Jeremy Busch, Logan Olkonen, Trooper Joe Renaud, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes

1. November 11, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented excluding the Aukee's, who are unable to attend this meeting.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Airport Board on Agenda Items (5 Minute Limit)

None

New Business

1. MSP Trooper Renaud – Driving Course

Trooper Renaud provided a packet and presented a teen defensive driving course to be held at the airport near the terminal ramp and taxiways utilizing MSP patrol cars. Discussion ensued with the main topics being Saturday classes when there are no airline flights and waivers signed releasing the airport from liability. The FAA has approved such classes and a form can be submitted to offer the course. The course will be a partnership between Michigan State Police and the Gogebic-Iron County Airport. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Loreti and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the teen defensive driving course based on Trooper Renaud's presentation.

Manager's Report

1. Mr. Busch stated we've had snow and been plowing.
2. Mr. Busch reminded it's Mr. Richter's last day on the 19th. Mr. Loreti has a possible name(s) for the seasonal position.
3. Mr. Hanson introduced Iron County junior board member Sam Risik, a senior working on his private pilot license. Ms. Freeman was asked to send him a board packet prior to the next meeting.

Approval of the Reports

- 1. Airline Performance Reports – November 2024
- 2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – November 2024
- 3. Outstanding Balances Report – November 2024
- 4. Aviation Fuel Report – November 2024

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Reports 1-4 as presented and place on file.

Appropriations

- 1. **Approval of the Claims & Accounts**
 - a. Prepays & Credit Card – November 2024
 - b. Accounts Payable – December 2024
- 2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – November 2024**

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen and supported by Mr. Loreti to approve Appropriation 1 – Approval of the Claims & Accounts a & b and Appropriation 2 – Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report as presented and place on file.

Roll Call

Yes: (4) Mr. Loreti, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Byrns, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

Other Matters

Mr. Olkonen of Denver Air stated that flights have been on time with a lot of traffic on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. He brought up some equipment issues with inside storage a future must. Mr. Lorensen reminded that’s why the board has continually asked about the airline garage. Mr. Byrns thanked Ms. Freeman and Mr. Olkonen for following up on a passenger’s missing phone and Mr. Lorensen praised the airline. The only issue they are aware of is bussing at ORD.

Public Comment

Mr. Hanson thanked Mr. Byrns for his time on the airport board and Ms. Freeman expressed her appreciation to him, as well.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 P.M.

01/13/2025
Date Approved

James Lorensen
Mr. James Lorensen, Recording Secretary

Kristi Freeman
Minutes Submitted by Kristi Freeman
Administrative Secretary, Gogebic-Iron County Airport