

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

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

**March 10, 2025  
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:** (3) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson, *Mr. Risik\**

**Absent:** (2) Mr. Loreti, Mr. Matonich

**Others Present:** Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, \*Sam Risik - Junior Board Member through Iron County 4H, Megan Hughes (Arrived Late)

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. February 10, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Plow Discussion under Other Matters.

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

None.

**New Business**

1. Employee Handbook

Mr. Lorensen suggested a workshop or two to discuss matters within the handbook. Ms. Freeman will work on availability. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote receiving the draft and directing airport staff to schedule a workshop.

**Manager's Report**

1. Toro is scheduled to pick up their equipment for the season tomorrow.
2. Mr. Busch attended a conference in Lansing last month.
3. The airport is working on submitting the next PFC application. The first step has been completed with the initial project list sent to the FAA for review.
4. Targeted ads with Spectrum began last week directed at business and family travelers. Numbers on performance to come.
5. Mr. Siirila inquired into the proof of insurance forms submitted by Toro.

**Approval of the Reports**

- 1. Airline Performance Reports – February 2025
- 2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – February 2025
- 3. Outstanding Balances Report – February 2025
- 4. Aviation Fuel Report – February 2025

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila 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 – February 2025
  - b. Accounts Payable – March 2025
- 2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – February 2025**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Lorensen 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: (3) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, *Mr. Risik\**, Mr. Hanson**  
**No: (0) None**

**Motion Carried**

**Other Matters**

- 1. Mr. Busch asked about purchasing a Boss box blade attachment for the skid steer for clearing snow around buildings. Rick’s has a demo model for \$3900.00. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen and supported by Mr. Siirila authorizing the purchase of a box blade under the equipment line item from the capital outlay account.

**Roll Call**

**Yes: (3) *Mr. Risik\**, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson**  
**No: (0) None**

**Motion Carried**

- 2. Mr. Siirila asked about the communication provided to the airline passengers regarding the terminal change in Chicago. Ms. Freeman did know that updates had at least been provided through Facebook by the airline and the airport. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Hanson and carried by unanimous voice vote to have airport staff speak to Mr. Olkonen on the communication to passengers regarding the terminal change from 3 to 2 and what to expect in Chicago along with a letter to the airline requesting a meeting with Jon Coleman or equivalent authority regarding several items such as changes to terminal, airline garage and schedules signed by the chair.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M

04/14/2025  
Date Approved

Mario Loreti  
Mario Loreti, Recording Secretary

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