

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

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

**January 6, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Bonovetz.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (5) **Mr. Hanson, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Laabs, Mr. Lorenson (Phone), Mr. Bonovetz**
Absent: (0) **None**
Others Present: Mike Harma, Kristi Freeman, Joe Pinardi, Tom Laventure (Daily Globe), Steve Sell (Air Choice One), Sallie Holtz (TSA)

Approval of the Minutes

1. December 18, 2019 – Special Board Meeting

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Essential Air Service Proposals

The Board members began by discussing Boutique Air's communication of a written commitment from their CEO to keep two aircraft at our facility, their proposed flight schedule with an additional daily Minneapolis flight, reliability and mechanical concerns. Mr. Lorenson expressed concern over allowing an airline to modify their original proposal. Mr. Bonovetz explained that historically proposals have been negotiated during this process to make the best decision for our community. Mr. Bonovetz commented on the perks of Boutique including their interline agreement with United and American along with their rental car service. Mr. Hanson expressed that passengers have been very satisfied with Air Choice One, our current airline. Discussion continued about enplanement possibilities with jet service, hangar space required for aircraft and current stagnant enplanements. **A motion** was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to choose Boutique Air for a two-year contract under Option 2.

Roll Call Vote (*Mr. Lorenson unable to vote by phone.*)

Yes: (4) **Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Laabs, Mr. Bonovetz**
No: (0) **None**

Motion carried.

A community support letter will be prepared for the Board's review prior to Monday's regular Board meeting. Mr. Harma noted that Mr. Bonovetz will need to sign it at Monday's meeting as it will be due to the United States Department of Transportation that day.

Other Matters

Mr. Snyder requested that hangar construction be added to the agenda of our next Board meeting on January 13, 2020.

Public Comment

None

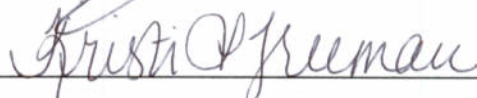
Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Bonovetz. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

01/13/2020
Date Approved



Brandon Snyder, Recording Secretary



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