

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

Gogebic-Iron County Airport  
E5560 Airport Road  
Ironwood, MI 49938

February 8, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

**Teleconference Provided  
906-667-1100, Dial ext. 300**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mr. Hanson.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** (4) Mr. Byrns, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson

**Absent:** (1) Mr. Snyder *(Not present at roll call but arrived at 10:17 A.M.)*

**Others Present:** Mike Harma, Kristi Freeman, Joseph Pinardi, Tom LaVenture, Tom Warren (BTQ)

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. January 18, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

None

**Election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson** *(Completed after Other Matters)*

**Appearances**

1. **Tom Warren – Boutique Air, VP of Business Development**

Mr. Warren introduced himself and discussed rebuilding credibility after the wheel incident. The FAA is investigating the probable cause, in which an answer could take 6 months to a year. He reassured the Pilatus PC12 is the safest aircraft in Part 135 since 1985. He addressed airline issues, including large baggage complaints, the second aircraft location, customer service issues at the hub airports and delayed/cancelled flights. Mr. Warren stated that Boutique is actively correcting issues discussed with Mr. Harma. Boutique will increase visibility within the community to improve consumer confidence.

## Old Business

### 1. Hangar Construction

Mr. Harma updated that Mead & Hunt is working on a proposal for a hangar development area examining size, geography and funding possibilities while reviewing our twenty-year plan. Mr. Lorensen requested a cost benefit analysis to be completed.

## New Business

### 1. MDOT Contract #2021-0151 Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training

**A motion** was made by Mr. Snyder, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to forward MDOT Contract #2021-0151 Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners for approval and digital signature by Chairman Lorensen.

## Manager's Report

1. Mr. Harma noted the new maintenance employee started on Friday, February 5th.
2. The loggers have returned to complete the project but shipping quantities are still limited.
3. Mr. Harma stated Boutique will have a new operating schedule affecting the midday flights starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion continued to the tight flying schedule, pilot base and second airplane location in which Mr. Harma will continue weekly conference calls and reporting to maintain accountability. A two-month timeframe for improvements was suggested.
4. The PFAS investigation did locate trace amounts of foam in one of the four wells. The second phase implantation is in progress. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
5. Mr. Harma stated an unsigned email addressed to the Board was received regarding Boutique's tire incident. Many have been vocal about the incident seeking change.

## Approval of the Reports

1. Airline Performance Reports – January 2021
2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – January 2021
3. Outstanding Balances Report – January 2021
4. Aviation Fuel Report – January 2021

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen and supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Reports 1-4 and place them on file. Some discussion took place regarding interest charged for past due accounts. It was agreed that an 18% annual rate begin March 1, 2021 on past due charge accounts.

## Appropriations

1. Approval of the Claims & Accounts
  - a. Prepays & Credit Card – January 2021
  - b. Accounts Payable – February 2021
2. Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – January 2021

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Appropriations 1 and 2 as presented and place them on file.

## Roll Call

Yes: (5) Mr. Byrns, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hanson  
No: (0) None

**Motion Carried**



**Other Matters**

None

**Election of Chairperson**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Hanson as the Airport Board Chairperson.

**Election of Vice Chairperson**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Lorensen as the Airport Board Vice Chairperson.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

03/08/2021

Date Approved



Brandon Snyder, Recording Secretary



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