

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

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

April 24, 2023
3:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Mr. Hanson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (5) Mr. Byrns, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hanson

Absent: (0) None

Others Present: Todd Richter, Kristi Freeman, Chris Anderson, Joseph Pinardi, Sallie Holtz, Stephanie Matonich, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes

1. April 10, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen, 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. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with discussing the May meeting time under Other Matters.

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

None

Old Business

1. Essential Air Service – Selection Recommendation

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen and supported by Mr. Siirila recommending Denver Air be selected as our EAS carrier citing the following reasons: they are a 121-class airline, improvement of timeliness and completion of flights, improvement of customer service, success in growing our passenger base, and a positive collaboration with TSA and airport administration to improve airport services and operations.

Roll Call

Yes: (5) Mr. Siirila, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Byrns, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Hanson

No: (0) None

Motion Carried

The board discussed sending letters of support from each county, as well.

New Business

1. MDOT Contract #2023-0407 Rehabilitate Runway 9-27 Paint Marking - Construction

The following contract is to complete the runway paint marking required for compliance per the last FAA inspection. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize forwarding the grant to Gogebic County for the chairman's signature.

Other Matters

The board discussed the time for the next regular board meeting scheduled for May 8th. It was agreed to keep the meeting time the same.

Mr. Richter is looking for a new company to deliver our plow truck for repairs in Duluth; the previous company is no longer able to perform the service.

Mr. Richter inquired into the garage for the airline and the board discussed the building specifications, location west of the jet farm and estimated pricing. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Snyder and carried by unanimous voice vote to seek proposals for the garage to the specifications discussed. Mr. Snyder asked if the airport needs to contact Mead & Hunt; Mr. Kuhn will be here for a preconstruction meeting on the taxiway project next week and we'll discuss it with him at that time.

Public Comment

Ms. Holtz suggested a hangar/storage building in place of a garage. Discussion continued as the suggestion was from an airline staff member. The board wants to continue to seek proposals; but asked Mr. Anderson to confirm the airline's position on the garage.


Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 3:21 P.M

05/08/2023
Date Approved



Brandon Snyder, Recording Secretary



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