

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

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

**October 26, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Mr. Hanson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Absent: (0) None

Others Present: Todd Richter, Kristi Freeman, Joe Pinaridi, Ross Solberg

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, supported by Mr. Siirila 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

Old Business

1. Personnel Matter

Mr. Siirila discussed the phone call with corporate counsel, Bonnie Toskey from the day prior. Per the conversation, a letter was addressed to Mr. Suvanto regarding his suspension status and coming on to airport property during this time. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Snyder to send this letter, hand delivered by the Sheriff and by certified mail. Mr. Solberg asked if the body camera on and a call of service report is sufficient, in which he received a yes response.

Roll Call

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

No: (0) None

Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Terminal Heat Pump

Mr. Richter provided an update on the terminal heat pump. Turning it on for the season, the system has failed. After troubleshooting, Mukavitz inspected and the safety circuit on the primary circuit board has failed and is no longer supported/available. A quote for replacement was provided. Discussion continued about other heating providers and whether to consider switching to propane. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Snyder to approve repairing the terminal heat pump not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Roll Call

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

No: (0) None

Motion Carried.

Other Matters

The board discussed listing the Lake Rd. property for sale upon review of the market analysis. A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Lorensen to list the Lake Rd. property at \$95,000.00 including the aviation easement.

Roll Call

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

No: (0) None

Motion Carried.

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 3:42 P.M

11/13/2023
Date Approved



Brandon Snyder, Recording Secretary



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