

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport
Finance & Consulting Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport
Ironwood, Michigan 49938**

**October 2, 2013
4:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Chairman Berg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (4) Mr. Kangas, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Nasi and Mr. Berg

Absent: (0)

Staff Present: Mike Harma and Mindy Prenderville

Others Present: Mr. Joe Pinardi (Iron Co. Board of Supervisors Chairman)

Approval of the Agenda

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

1. 2014 Operating Budget

Discussion took place regarding the increase in hospitalization. Mr. Harma stated that he budgeted for a 30% increase in hospitalization.

Mr. Oliver said he spoke to Ms. Pertile (Gogebic County Treasurer) and the airport's fund balance is approximately \$171,000.00. He went on to say the \$41,000.00 that is budgeted for 2014 (request), should be taken from the fund balance so this doesn't keep carrying over.

Mr. Berg questioned the amount of Mr. Harma's raise.

Mr. Oliver explained that if Mr. Harma receives a good review at the end of 2013, he will receive a \$1,000.00 increase; Mr. Harma will then receive whatever amount of increase in salary the other elected and appointed officials receive for 2014 plus an additional \$500.00.

Discussion took place.

Mr. Oliver stated that he hadn't heard from Ms. Giackino (Gogebic County Administrator) as to whether or not she had contacted United Health, which was recommended by Mr. Pinardi. Mr. Oliver said as of the last time he spoke to Ms. Giackino she had not contacted United Health.

Mr. Nasi asked if it would be possible for the airport employees to have a separate insurance policy.

A brief discussion took place.

Mr. Harma stated that he is requesting an additional \$891.00 from Iron County for the operating budget and an additional \$2,672.00 from Gogebic County for the operating budget (compared to the 2013 budget). An additional \$750.00 is also being requested from each county for the capital outlay fund.

Mr. Berg questioned what was budgeted for the other employees' wages.

Mr. Harma stated he used the amount that was discussed at the previous Finance Committee meeting for Mindy Prenderville (\$1.65, which includes the increase the other employees will receive for 2014). Mr. Harma went on to say he budgeted for Union negotiations (wage increase requests); Mr. Harma also said eventually another part-time employee will need to be hired, at least to help with snow removal, so money was budgeted for that possibility.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver and supported by Mr. Nasi to recommend the full Airport Board approve the 2014 operating budget as presented.

Mr. Kangas questioned the wage increases.

Mr. Oliver explained that if Mr. Harma receives a good review at the end of 2013, he will receive a \$1,000.00 increase; Mr. Harma will then receive whatever amount of increase in salary the other elected and appointed officials receive for 2014 plus an additional \$500.00.

Mr. Oliver then explained that the Committee is recommending an additional \$1.25 increase for Mindy Prenderville plus the wage increase the other employees receive at the beginning of the year (Mr. Oliver stated \$.45).

Mr. Kangas stated his concerns of approving the budget before Union negotiations and before the increase in hospitalization is known. Mr. Kangas said the Gogebic County Finance Committee will meet next week.

Mr. Oliver explained the need to approve the budget early, Iron County needs it earlier than Gogebic County does.

Discussion took place.

Mr. Pinardi suggested approving the budget as a tentative budget.

Mr. Kangas said he is hesitant because he doesn't feel comfortable promising any employees any kind of raise when it cannot be guaranteed.

Mr. Oliver stated that no promises are being made, there is no guarantee.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver and supported by Mr. Nasi to amend the wording of the previous motion to recommend to the full Airport Board that the 2014 operating budget be approved tentatively.

Ayes (3) Nays (1) Absent (0)

Motion carried.

2. Capital Outlay

Mr. Oliver stated that an additional \$750.00 is being requested from each County (compared to 2013).

A brief discussion took place regarding building improvements.

Mr. Harma stated that a new riding mower will need to be purchased.

Mr. Pinardi told the Committee and Mr. Harma about a Cub Cadet zero turn riding mower that the City of Hurley just purchased.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver and supported by Mr. Kangas to recommend to the full Airport Board that the 2014 capital outlay budget be approved tentatively.

Ayes (4) Nays (0) Absent (0)

Motion carried.

Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

Public Comment

Mr. Kangas commented on how the government shut down will be affecting Community Action.

Mr. Oliver questioned whether or not the shut will be affecting the airport at all.

Mr. Harma said that as of right now, it has not affected the airport or airport operations.

Mr. Nasi commented that the beacon tower looks very nice after being painted.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver, supported by Mr. Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Date Approved

Bob Berg, Chairman