

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

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

**January 13, 2014
4:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mr. Harma called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (7) **Mr. Berg, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Morin, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Nasi,
Mr. Siirila and Mr. Oliver**

Absent: (0) **None**

Also Present: Mike Harma, Richard Holm, Bob Murphy (AFSCME Staff Representative),
Joe Pinardi (Iron Co. Board of Supervisors Chairman), Joe Bonovetz
and Mindy Prenderville

Hearings

1. Select Chairperson

Mr. Harma called for nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Mullard and supported by Mr. Siirila to nominate Mr. Oliver to serve as Chairperson.

Mr. Harma called for nominations three more times.

A motion was made by Mr. Morin and supported by Mr. Berg to close all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call

Yes: (6) **Mr. Berg, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Morin, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Nasi and Mr. Siirila**

No: (0) **None**

Abstain: (1) **Mr. Oliver**

Motion carried.

2. Select Vice Chairperson

A motion was made by Mr. Mullard and supported by Mr. Nasi to nominate Mr. Berg to serve as Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Oliver called for nominations three more times.

A motion was made by Mr. Morin, supported by Mr. Nasi and carried by unanimous voice vote to close all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Berg.

3. Select Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Kangas and supported by Mr. Berg to nominate Mr. Mullard to serve as Recording Secretary.

Mr. Oliver called for nominations three more times.

A motion was made by Mr. Berg, supported by Mr. Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to close all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Mullard.

4. Regular Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Kangas, supported by Mr. Morin and carried by unanimous voice vote to continue holding Airport Board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 P.M.

5. Parliamentary Procedures

A motion was made by Mr. Morin, supported by Mr. Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Robert's Rules of Order.

Approval of the Minutes

1. December 9, 2013—Regular Board Meeting

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

2. December 30, 2013—Personnel Committee Meeting

A brief discussion took place regarding whether or not a quorum was needed during a Committee meeting. Mr. Kangas briefly discussed an additional \$50.00/month that new hires pay towards health insurance.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Oliver stated that he would like to add "Resolution-Board Members" to "Other Matters".

A motion was made by Mr. Mullard, supported by Mr. Morin and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of "Resolution-Board Members" to "Other Matters".

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

No citizens wishing to address the Airport Board.

Committee Meetings –Summary Reports

1. Finance & Consulting Services Committee—October 2, 2013

Mr. Oliver stated that a Personnel Committee meeting needs to be scheduled to conduct Mr. Harma's one year evaluation.

2. Personnel Committee—December 30, 2013

Mr. Murphy explained what was agreed upon at the December 30, 2013 meeting. A brief discussion took place regarding the hiring of new part-time maintenance workers and their wages. It was requested that this be presented as a supplement to the Union Agreement at the Airport Board meeting in February (10th).

Mr. Oliver asked the Board to review the proposed change in the wording of Article 32-Shifts (b) which states: *"Time and one half shall be paid for all hours in excess of eighty (80) hours in two (2) weeks."* This change eliminates the word "worked" after "eighty (80) hours". Discussion took place.

A motion was made by Mr. Mullard and supported by Mr. Kangas to adopt the Agreement (effective January 1, 2014) between the Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board and the AFSCME Local 992 Union members.

Roll Call

**Yes: (7) Mr. Berg, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Morin, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Nasi,
Mr. Siirila and Mr. Oliver**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Mr. Mullard questioned when non-union member's wages would be discussed. Mr. Oliver stated that this topic can be discussed more under "Other Matters".

Manager's Report

1. EAS Bids/Service—Mr. Harma told the Airport Board EAS contract bids are due on January 22, 2014. Discussion took place. Mr. Bonovetz excused himself from the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

Mr. Harma discussed the runway project, the MAAE conference he will be attending in February and the need for more heated hangar space.

Approval of the Reports

1. Hangar Storage Report—December 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Mullard, supported by Mr. Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the hangar storage report as presented.

2. Airline Performance Report—December 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Kangas, supported by Mr. Morin and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the airline performance report as presented.

3. Aviation Fuel Report—December 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the aviation fuel report as presented.

Appropriations

1. Approval of the Claims & Accounts—Accounts Payable (2013 & January, 2014) & Prepaids

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Nasi to approve the claims and accounts—accounts payable (2013 and January, 2014) and prepaids as presented.

Roll Call

**Yes: (7) Mr. Berg, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Morin, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Nasi,
Mr. Siirila and Mr. Oliver**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Revenue and Expenditure Report—December 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the revenue and expenditure report as presented.

Other Matters

Mr. Oliver explained that in order to reduce the size of the Airport Board to five members, the Airport Board needs to make this recommendation to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners and the Iron County Board of Supervisors. Discussion took place. Mr. Mullard suggested eliminating the Committees if the Board is reduced to five members and handle all the necessary business at each monthly full Board meeting. Mr. Oliver agreed that the Committees would not be needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Kangas to recommend to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners and the Iron County Board of Supervisors that the number of members who serve on the Airport Board be reduced from nine to five (three from Gogebic County and two from Iron County).

Roll Call

**Yes: (7) Mr. Berg, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Morin, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Nasi,
Mr. Siirila and Mr. Oliver**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Mr. Mullard questioned when the wages of non-union members would be discussed. Mr. Oliver stated that the non-union wages could be discussed at the same time Mr. Harma's one year review takes place.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kangas, supported by Mr. Berg and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

2/10/14
Date Approved


Jim Oliver, Chairman

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

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

**January 28, 2014
4:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Chairman Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (5) **Mr. Bonovetz, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Nasi and Mr. Oliver**

Absent: (0) **None**

Also Present: Richard Adams (Gogebic County Corporate Counsel), Ralph Ansami (Daily Globe), Mike Harma, Richard Holm (arrived at 4:40 P.M.) and Mindy Prenderville

Approval of the Agenda

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

Discuss Essential Air Service (EAS) Contract

Mr. Harma told the Airport Board that on Friday, January 24, 2014 he was notified that Great Lakes Airlines will be discontinuing air service to the Gogebic-Iron County Airport, as well as five other airports, effective February 1, 2014.

On January 27, 2014, Great Lakes Airlines issued a press release confirming that effective February 1, 2014, Great Lakes Airlines will be suspending service to the Gogebic-Iron County Airport, as well as five other airports, "*due to the severe industry-wide pilot shortage and its relative acute impact on Great Lakes*".

A discussion regarding the fact that Great Lakes Airlines was supposed to provide air service to the Gogebic-Iron County Airport until May 31, 2014. The Airport Board, along with Mr. Adams and Mr. Harma, agreed that right now, if the Airport attempts to hold Great Lakes to their contract end date, Great Lakes will continue cancelling flights, as they have been for the last couple of months, due to the lack of pilots.

Mr. Harma said the DOT had released an order requesting proposals, the original deadline for proposals was January 22, 2014; however, the deadline for proposals has been extended to February 5, 2014, until then, it is uncertain as to what airlines, if any, may be bidding to provide service to the Gogebic-Iron County Airport. The possibility of an establishment of an alternate EAS pilot program was briefly discussed.

Mr. Bonovetz told the Airport Board, that in the past, early morning flights out of Ironwood and late evening return flights were the most prevalent. Mr. Bonovetz then questioned how the absence of an airline for any length of time would affect the 2014 budget. Mr. Oliver said the 2014 budget can be discussed at the Regular Board meeting scheduled for February 10, 2014; more information will be available as to what, if any, airlines bid to provide service to the Gogebic-Iron County Airport.

Mr. Adams advised that as of right now, there is not enough information available to take any action on this matter. Mr. Adams did suggest contacting State Legislators from Michigan and Wisconsin, requesting support.

Mr. Oliver questioned if committees would be necessary anymore since the size of the Airport Board has been reduced. It was agreed that committees would not be necessary.

Mr. Mullard thanked the staff for keeping the Board Members informed as to what is going on regarding the airline.

Mr. Bonovetz questioned if hours could be reduced with no air service being provided; he asked if the hours for runway maintenance could be reduced. Mr. Bonovetz said cutting hours and layoffs may be necessary.

Mr. Harma stated that there is work that needs to be completed and reducing the hours was not an option because the Airport needs to continue to serve the UPS flight (Ameriflight), medical flights and general aviation pilots.


Public Comment

Mr. Ansami asked if any lawmakers had been contacted regarding this matter.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kangas, supported by Mr. Nasi and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

2/10/14
Date Approved


Jim Oliver, Chairman