

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

A special meeting of the Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 4:30 P.M., at the Gogebic-Iron County Airport, Ironwood, Michigan.

Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Absent: (0) None

Also Present: Mike Harma, Richard Holm, Joe Pinardi (Iron Co. Board of Supervisors, Chairman),
Mark Pusakulich and Mindy Prenderville

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Mullard, supported by Mr. Bonovetz 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)

No citizens wishing to address the Airport Board.

Discuss Non-Union Employee Agreements

Mr. Harma told the Airport Board that he would like to take a job with Air Choice One (ACO), working as a back-up co-pilot. Discussion took place regarding the training that would be required of Mr. Harma. Other concerns that were expressed by the Airport Board Members included how Mr. Harma would split his time between being the Airport Manager, and flying for ACO, how often Mr. Harma would be flying, and who would be responsible if something were to happen, the airport or ACO. The Board Members also discussed what would happen if an Airport Employee was ill or on vacation or what would happen if the aircraft broke down in Chicago and Mr. Harma was not able to immediately return.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Mullard that based on the amount of time Mr. Harma would be required to dedicate to ACO to be trained and to stay current to fly as a co-pilot, Mr. Harma's request to accept a co-pilot position with ACO be denied.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Mr. Harma asked Mr. Kangas if he was able to find out whether or not the soccer fields would be able to be utilized by airport activities on Airport Day. Mr. Kangas said he was waiting for a response.

Discussion took place regarding the construction of a hangar, scheduled for this summer. The Airport Board discussed the possible location of the hangar and also whether or not the hangar is necessary at this time. The specs of the hangar were also discussed. Mr. Nasi explained that some of the specs listed were not necessary.

The Board Members discussed a letter that was drafted to be sent to ACO expressing the disappointment and concerns of the Airport Board and staff regarding the number of cancellations that took place in the last month.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Kangas to authorize Mr. Oliver to sign the letter and send the letter to ACO on behalf of the Gogebic-Iron County Airport.

Roll Call:

Yes: (5) **Mr. Nasi, Mr. Bonovetz, Mr. Kangas, Mr. Mullard and Mr. Oliver**
No: (0) **None**

Motion carried.

Other Matters

Mr. Mullard asked Mr. Harma if he has been giving flight lessons. Mr. Harma confirmed that he has given flight lessons but does not charge for them. A lengthy discussion took place regarding insurance and the hours in which Mr. Harma gives flight lessons. The Board agreed that if Mr. Harma is going to give flight lessons, they would prefer he do that early in the morning or later in the afternoon.

Mr. Oliver referred to a previous Airport Board meeting and stated he was upset that rather than speaking to Mr. Harma or Mr. Oliver, Ms. Prenderville addressed her questions to Mr. Bonovetz and also contacted Mr. Pinardi. Mr. Pinardi stated that Ms. Prenderville did not call him; he attended the meeting as a concerned citizen and was aware of the situation due to a summary given by Mr. Mullard at an Iron County Board meeting. Mr. Oliver also stated that Ms. Prenderville obtained wage information from the wrong person. A brief discussion took place regarding the lack of policy stating who employees should contact in this kind of instance.

Public Comment

Ms. Prenderville stated that she had talked to Mr. Harma before she contacted anyone else regarding this wage matter. Ms. Prenderville said she contacted Mr. Bonovetz because after speaking to Mr. Harma, because it was still unclear as to why her wage was being decreased.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kangas, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

4/17/15
Date Approved


James Oliver, Chairman