

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

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport  
E5560 Airport Road  
Ironwood, Michigan 49938**

**November 13, 2017  
4:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mr. Bonovetz, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Wasley, Mr. Mullard and Mr. Oliver

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mr. Harma, Mr. Pinardi (Iron Co. Chairman) and Mindy Prenderville

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. October 9, 2017 –Regular Board Meeting

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented and place them on file.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Wasley requested that "Non-Union Wages" be added to "Old Business"

**A motion** was made by Mr. Wasley, supported by Mr. Hanson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of "Non-Union Wages", as requested by Mr. Wasley.

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

No citizens wishing to address the Airport Board.

**Old Business**

1. Ratify AFSCME Union Contract

Mr. Harma explained that the Tentative Agreement nor the Letter of Agreement stated that any part-time employees hired after October 1, 2017 would receive holiday pay/benefits. Mr. Harma said that Ms. Prenderville had added that to the Letter of Agreement and emailed it to Mr. Murphy but hadn't received a response yet as to if this was an oversight or if this was something Mr. Murphy and the Union did not agree with. A brief discussion took place regarding what a Tentative Agreement is and the purpose of a Tentative Agreement.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Wasley, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to table this matter until the Regular Airport Board meeting that will be held in December (by then we should have a response from Mr. Murphy).

2. Non-Union Wages

Mr. Wasley stated that after reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting he realized that it had been stated that Elected and Appointed Officials would not pay the 10% of their insurance premium as other employees have been required to do since October 1, 2017. Discussion took place as to whether or not the Elected and Appointed Officials raises and 10% contribution was not taking effect October 1, 2017 because the Boards were waiting for the results of the job study that was currently being performed.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Wasley and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to have Mr. Harma begin paying 10% of his insurance premium (beginning the next pay period; which begins November 18, 2017). The date of when Mr. Harma would begin contributing 10% towards his insurance premium was actually discussed under "Other Matters" when Ms. Prenderville asked for clarification of the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes:** Mr. Bonovetz, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Mullard and Mr. Wasley

**No:** Mr. Oliver

**Motion carried.**



A letter will be sent to the Administrator's Office as well as the Accounts Processing Clerk stating beginning November 18, 2017, Mr. Harma will begin paying 10% towards his insurance premium. Mr. Mullard asked which contract Ms. Prenderville is following (the Airport's Contract or the Courthouse Contract).

Mr. Bonovetz explained that Ms. Prenderville is a non-union employee but is an Airport employee and should be following the terms of the Airport Contract. Mr. Bonovetz also explained the only thing that Ms. Prenderville followed the Courthouse Contract on was the mathematical figures of the amount of wage increase she would receive this year because like the Courthouse employees, Ms. Prenderville works 35 hours per week, rather than 40 hours per week.

Mr. Wasley confirmed that Ms. Prenderville is started paying 10% of her insurance premium beginning October 1, 2017.

### **New Business**

#### **1. 2018 Construction Project**

Mr. Harma distributed a picture/diagram of the Airport grounds to each of the Board Members. Mr. Harma then discussed a pavement project that is scheduled to begin in 2018. Mr. Harma explained that the Airport's share would be \$30,000, however, there are some areas the grant would not cover but the areas need to be taken care of and that would cost an additional \$50,000. On the diagram Mr. Harma handed out, he explained that the area in the red boxes would be what the \$50,000 would be used for. A very brief discussion took place about expanding the FBO building. Discussion then took place about the pavement project and whether or not it was necessary at this time to spend the additional \$50,000. Mr. Harma answered questions Board Members asked as well as explained the reasoning for needing to take care of the area in the red boxes on the diagram he passed out.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Mullard to authorize Mr. Harma to spend \$80,000 on the above mentioned project. However, Mr. Wasley asked if this was something that needed to be voted on tonight and requested that Mr. Harma have an expansion cost prepared for the meeting that will be held December.

Mr. Harma told the Board Members that earlier that day, he had a teleconference earlier and the Airport may be able to purchase an ARFF truck. Mr. Harma stated that he would discuss this more in depth under the "Manager's Report".

Mr. Bonovetz withdrew his motion.

#### **2. Consultant Selection**

Mr. Harma disbursed copies of a Statement of Qualifications that were received; the only engineering firm that submitted a Statement of Qualifications was Mead & Hunt.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Mullard and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to select Mead & Hunt (our current engineering firm) as our engineering firm for the next five (5) years.

### **Roll Call Vote**

**Yes: Mr. Bonovetz, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Mullard and Mr. Wasley**

**No: Mr. Oliver**

**Motion carried.**

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Harma told the Airport Board that on the original UTV bid, two (2) heaters were included, when only one (1) heater should have been included; this reduced the cost of the UTV by \$799.00.

Mr. Harma said he had a teleconference earlier in the day that there is a chance the Airport can get a grant to purchase an ARFF truck due to the distance and time it takes for mutual aid to arrive on scene if there was an accident of any kind. Mr. Harma said he needs to write a letter to the FAA explaining why the Airport should receive funding for an ARFF truck. He also stated that if the Airport is responsible for paying 2.5%, they will pay \$22,500.00 and if the Airport is not considered to be low-income, the Airport would be responsible for 5%, or \$45,000.00.

Mr. Bonovetz asked if once Mr. Harma writes the letter to the FAA, if the Board Members could be notified so they could contact State Representatives. Mr. Harma said he felt that may be pushing it at this time and feels it is not necessary as of yet.



A brief discussion took place regarding the distance and time it takes for mutual aid to arrive on scene based on the live drill that was held earlier this year. Mr. Harma said in the FY2017-2018 budget, he did budget \$20,000.00 in the equipment line item.

### **Approval of the Reports**

#### 1. Hangar Storage Report –October 2017

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Hanson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the hangar storage report as presented and place it on file.

#### 2. Airline Performance Report –October 2017

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the airline performance report as presented and place it on file.

#### 3. Aviation Fuel Report

**A motion** was made by Mr. Wasley, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the aviation fuel report as presented and place it on file.

### **Appropriations**

#### 1. Approval of the Claims & Accounts: Accounts Payable (October) & Prepaids (September)

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Wasley to approve the accounts payable (October) and the prepaids (September) as presented.

### **Roll Call Vote**

**Yes:** Mr. Bonovetz, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Mullard and Mr. Wasley  
**No:** Mr. Oliver

### **Motion carried.**

#### 2. Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report –October 2017

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

### **Other Matters**

Ms. Prenderville asked for clarification of a motion that was made by Mr. Wasley earlier regarding non-union wages and Mr. Harma paying 10% of his insurance premium. Ms. Prenderville when that would become effective; it was decided that that it would begin the next pay period, which begins November 18, 2017.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Hanson, supported by Mr. Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

12/11/17  
Date Approved

  
Jeff Wasley, Recording Secretary

  
Minutes Submitted by Mindy Prenderville  
Confidential Secretary, Gogebic-Iron County Airport