

# MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Lansing, Michigan

July 29, 2009

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Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC), created by said act, met in the Aeronautics Building, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

## Members Present

Sidney Adams, Jr., Chair  
Terry Everman, Vice Chair  
James Collins, Commissioner  
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner  
J. William Prochazka, Commissioner  
Robert Johnston, Designee – DMVA  
Dan Atkinson, Designee - MSP  
David Brickey, Legal Counsel  
Rick Hammond, for Rob Abent, MAC  
Director

## Members Absent

Kirk Steudle, MDOT  
Dennis Fedewa, Designee – DNR

## Staff Present

Lorraine White, Assistant to MAC  
Pauline Misjak, Aviation Services  
Leanne Hengesbach, Aviation Services  
Mark Noel, Airports Division  
Matt Brinker, Aviation Services  
Dave Baker, Airports Division  
Tom Krashen, Aviation Services  
Shelly Rathbun, Airports Division  
Chip Kraus, Airports Division  
Rick Carlson, Aviation Services  
Tara Ball, Aviation Services  
Brian Rochon, Aviation Services  
Gerry Edwards, Aviation Services  
Linn Smith, Airports Division

## Also Present

Lee Scherwitz, Southwest Michigan  
Regional Airport/MAAE  
Dan Otto, Capital Region International  
Airport  
Larry Bowron, WK Kellogg Airport  
Ron Engel, Mead and Hunt  
Bill Ropposch, Mead and Hunt  
Susy Avery, Wayne County Airport  
Authority  
Brian Picardat, Gerald A. Ford  
International Airport  
Jeff Nagel, MBS Airport  
Eric Joroch, Roscommon County  
John Strehl, Antrim County Airport  
Kent Maurer, Jackson

A list of all others present is attached to the official minutes.



## I. OPENING REMARKS

The July 29, 2009, Michigan Aeronautics Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sidney Adams, Jr., at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken; Commissioners Steudle and Fedewa were absent. Rick Hammond, Administrator for the Airports Division attended the meeting on behalf of Commission Director Rob Abent.

Chairman Adams thanked all for attending and asked the audience to sign in.

## II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

### A. Minutes of the May 27, 2009, Meeting

Chairman Adams entertained a motion to approve Exhibit A, the minutes of the MAC meeting held May 27, 2009, pending any corrections or changes. Moved by Commissioner Everman and supported by Commissioner Prochazka to approve the minutes as written. By a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. Hammond discussed the process for appointing a nominating committee which is comprised of two appointed commissioners and includes the immediate past chairperson. The duties of the committee are: to recommend to the commission the persons for consideration for election to the Commission Office, and to provide nominations for the Commission to consider recommending to the Governor for appointment when necessary. This will be to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair at the September meeting.

Chairman Adams had contact with Commissioners Collins and Kavalhuna, prior to the meeting; both have agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

### B. Federal/State Local Projects

Chairman Adams called Mr. Dave Baker, Airports Division, to the podium to present the airport grants.

Mr. Baker gave an overview of the 18 projects for funding approval.

1. W.K. Kellogg Airport, Battle Creek
2. James Clements Airport, Bay City
3. Beaver Island Airport, Beaver Island
4. Antrim County Airport, Bellaire
5. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Detroit
6. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Detroit
7. Willow Run Airport, Detroit
8. Bishop International Airport, Flint
9. Gladwin Zettel Memorial Airport, Gladwin
10. Harbor Springs Municipal Airport, Harbor Springs
11. Hillsdale Municipal Airport, Hillsdale



12. Tulip City Airport, Holland
13. Jackson County - Reynolds Field , Jackson
14. Lakeview - Griffith Field Airport, Lakeview
15. Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport, Niles
16. St. Clair County International Airport, Port Huron
17. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
18. Sandusky City Airport, Sandusky

As no questions were raised, Chairman Adams entertained a motion to approve the 18 transfers as presented. Moved by Commissioner Prochazka and supported by Commissioner Kavalhuna to approve the projects as presented. By a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. Baker then reported on four supplementals: Delta County Airport in Escanaba, Livingston County-Spencer J. Hardy Airport in Howell, Sawyer International Airport in Marquette, and South Haven Area Regional Airport in South Haven.

### III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### IV. Director's Report

Since Director Abent was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Hammond indicated that the Director's report will be postponed until the September meeting. However he did mention two upcoming events: EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin and the Buick Open in Flint.

Mr. Hammond also mentioned the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport guidemap that was distributed today to the Commissioners, courtesy of Susy Avery.

Chairman Adams announced the next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2009, in the Oak Room South at Treetops in Gaylord, which is in conjunction with the MAAE Conference, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting ended at 10:17 a.m.

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Director

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Chairman

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