

MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
Lansing, Michigan
March 27, 2019

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission met at the Aeronautics Building, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

Members Present

Pete Kamarainen, Chairman
Roger Salo, Vice Chairman
J. David VanderVeen, Commissioner
Rick Fiddler, Commissioner
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner
Laura Mester, Designee – MDOT
F/Lt. Brian Bahlau, Designee – MSP
Dave Brickey, Legal Counsel
Mike Trout, Director
Bryan Budds, Commission Advisor
Judy Baker, Commission Analyst

Members Absent

Kevin Jacobs, Designee – MDNR
Len Isabelle, Designee – MDMVA

Staff Present

Dave Baker
Jennifer Forbes
Tammie Lewandowsky
Mark Noel
Sue Payne
Linn Smith
Anu Taneja
Alissa VanHoof

Also Present

John Mayfield, Federal Aviation Administration
Ben Berlin, Federal Aviation Administration
Tarun Malhotra, MDOT - Enterprise Information
Management Office
Michael Frezell, MDOT - Office of Communications
Mike Borta, Prein&Newhof
Al Davis, General Aviation
Phil Johnson, Prein&Newhof
Bob Leisenring, Mead & Hunt, Inc.
Keith Newell, General Aviation
Mike Pelzer, Bellair
John Strehl, Antrim County Airport

I. OPENING REMARKS

The March 27, 2019 Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC or Commission) meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Kamarainen at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Kamarainen welcomed all those present. He asked everyone to rise, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Roll call was taken.



II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Chairman Kamarainen asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2019. There were none. He entertained a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Vice Chairman Roger Salo and seconded by Commissioner Dave VanderVeen to approve the minutes as presented. **All voted in favor.**

B. Approval and Transfer of Appropriated Funds

- Alissa VanHoof presented the following contracts:

Airport Sponsor Contracts

1. Lenawee County Airport, Adrian
2. Grosse Ile Municipal Airport, Detroit/Grosse Ile
3. Dow Memorial, Frankfort
4. Oceana County, Hart/Shelby
5. Ontonagon County Airport – Schuster Field, Ontonagon
6. Canton – Plymouth – Mettetal Airport, Plymouth
7. Canton – Plymouth – Mettetal Airport, Plymouth
8. Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac
9. Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac
10. Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac
11. Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport, Saginaw
12. Statewide Local – Crack Sealing
13. Statewide Local – Paint Marking
14. Three Rivers Municipal, Dr. Haines, Three Rivers
15. White Cloud Airport, White Cloud

Ms. VanHoof reported on two supplemental transfers: Charlevoix Municipal Airport, Charlevoix and Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, Benton Harbor. **No Commission Action was required.**

Chairman Kamarainen asked if there were any further comments or questions on the sponsor contracts. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve item Nos. 1-15 of the Airport Sponsor Contracts. The motion was moved by Vice Chairman Salo and seconded by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna to approve the contracts as presented. **All voted in favor.**

(Due to the potential appearance of a conflict of interest, Commissioner VanderVeen abstained from voting on contract Nos. 8-10, Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac.)

- Bryan Budds provided information on PFAS impacts at airports. The presentation can be viewed on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission web page at www.michigan.gov/aero. The following grants were presented:

Air Service Program Grants

1. Alpena County Regional Airport, Alpena
2. Delta County Airport, Escanaba
3. Bishop International Airport, Flint
4. Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids



5. Houghton County Memorial, Hancock
6. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
7. Gogebic Iron County Airport, Ironwood
8. Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International, Kalamazoo
9. Capital Region International, Lansing
10. Manistee County – Blacker, Manistee
11. Sawyer International, Marquette
12. Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon
13. Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County, Pellston
14. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
15. Chippewa County International Airport, Sault Ste. Marie
16. Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City

Foam Test System Project Grants

1. W. K. Kellogg Airport, Battle Creek
2. Detroit Metro Wayne County, Detroit
3. Delta County Airport, Escanaba
4. Bishop International Airport, Flint
5. Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids
6. Houghton County Memorial, Hancock
7. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
8. Gogebic Iron County Airport, Ironwood
9. Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International, Kalamazoo
10. Capital Region International, Lansing
11. Manistee County – Blacker, Manistee
12. Sawyer International, Marquette
13. Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon
14. Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County, Pellston
15. Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac
16. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
17. Chippewa County International Airport, Sault Ste. Marie
18. Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City

Chairman Kamarainen asked if there were any further comments or questions on the grants. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve item Nos. 1–16 of the Air Service Program Grants and item Nos. 1–18 of the Foam System Project Grants. The motion was moved by Commissioner VanderVeen and seconded by Commissioner Rick Fiddler to approve the grants as presented. **All voted in favor.**

(Due to the potential appearance of a conflict of interest, Commissioner Fiddler abstained from voting on Air Service Program Grant No. 4 and Foam System Project Grant No. 5, Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids; and Commissioner VanderVeen abstained from voting on Foam System Project Grant No. 15, Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac.)

A complete list of contract and grant descriptions can be viewed on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission web page at www.michigan.gov/aero.



III. REPORTS

A. MAC Director Report

Director Mike Trout welcomed everyone and introduced Tarun Malhotra, MDOT's new enterprise information management director.

Director Trout reported on the following:

Statistics

- Fuel Tax Revenue (Thru Mid-March)
 - Excise (3¢)
FY 2019 = \$2,404,887 (\$1,232.862 YTD increase)
FY 2018 = \$1,172,025
 - Sales (2%)
FY 2019 YTD Total = \$5,482,826
SAF 2019 YTD = \$1,918,989 (\$999,342 YTD increase)
SAF 2018 YTD = \$919,647
FY 2018 Total = \$7,157,622
SAF 2018 Total = \$2,505,166
- Contract Closeouts FYTD
 - 12 Primary Airport Grants
 - 30 State Block Sub Grants
 - 2 State Block Grant
 - 6 State/Local Grants
- Tall Structure Permits
 - 2019 = 814 (197 wind turbines) Year to Date
 - 2018 = 5,298 (611 wind turbines) Calendar Year Total
- State Aircraft Flight Hours – FY (Thru Feb.)
 - 2019 = 230.6
 - 2018 = 322.5

Michigan Department of Transportation 2020-2024 Five-Year Transportation Program

Office of Aeronautics Programs	Annual Average	Five-Year Total
Airport Capital Improvement Program	\$140 million	\$700 million
Air Service Program	\$250 thousand	\$1.25 million

Revenue Assumptions

- Federal aid projected to increase or remain unchanged for FY 2020 from FY 2019 levels.
- Estimates have been developed using the previous Airport Improvement Program (AIP) levels of federal funding.



- Additional \$1 billion in AIP funding for FY 2018 thru 2020. An additional \$500 million for FY 2019.
- State aeronautics funding levels are a challenge. Revenue from the sales tax has never reached the estimated amount from 2015, it has shown some growth in 2019.

Investment Strategies (Priorities)

- Apply an asset management approach to reduce system and facility deficiencies (MASP 2017).
- Preserve critical infrastructure, particularly pavements, navigational aids, and protect airspace. Goal to maintain 90 percent of all Tier I Airport Primary Runways in good or fair condition (Pavement Condition Index inspections).
- Maximize federal funds by leveraging state, local, and private funding.
- Support job growth and economic development through projects related to freight/logistics, aircraft maintenance, and other emerging opportunities.
- Support statewide efforts to attract and retain air service through the implementation of the Air Service Program.

The Office of Aeronautics is committed to becoming more efficient and reducing overhead in program administration. The new project closeout process was rolled out and is helping expedite and streamline project completion and final payments.

Aeronautics Code Modernization

Director Trout met with the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and presented information on the importance of maintaining an aviation system in Michigan. Modernizing the Michigan Aeronautics Code was also discussed, particularly focusing on technical adjustments.

State Long-Range Transportation Plan

Director Trout spoke about MDOT's State Long-Range Transportation Plan (25-year program) and encouraged the public to visit the website at www.michiganmobility.org.

Staff Update – Retired/Moved On

- Pauline Misjak, Administrator, Programming Section
- Randy Collar, Manager, Inspection and Compliance Unit
- Brooke Allison, Analyst, Grants and Contracts Unit

Upcoming Events

- MBAA/MAAE Legislative Day – April 17, 2019, GCSI Offices, Lansing, MI
- MAC Off-Site Meeting – May 22, 2019, Grand Rapids, MI
- EAA AirVenture – July 22-28, Oshkosh, WI
- MAC Off-Site Meeting – July 24, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- NASAO Annual Conference – Sept. 7-11, St. Paul, MN
- MAAE Fall Conference – Sept. 9-13, Port Huron, MI
- MiCareerQuest Southeast – Nov. 8, Novi, MI



Director Trout's report can be viewed in full on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission web page under "Meetings" and then "Director's Reports" at www.michigan.gov/aero.

- B. General Aviation Advisory Committee – No Report.
- C. Commercial Air Service Advisory Committee – No Report.
- D. Safety Advisory Committee – No Report.
- E. UAS Advisory Committee – No Report.

IV. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Kamarainen asked if any of the commissioners would like to make a comment. There were no comments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kamarainen asked if anyone would like to make a public comment.

Al Davis of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, presented a petition to the Commission on behalf of EAA Chapter 907 regarding safety zones for flight training in Central Michigan. The Commission will review the proposal and respond accordingly.

CLOSING

The next Michigan Aeronautics Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

(approved/signed, original on file)
Peter J. Kamarainen, Chairman
Michigan Aeronautics Commission

(approved/signed, original on file)
Michael G. Trout, Director
Michigan Aeronautics Commission

Dated: May 22, 2019

