

MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
Chippewa County International Airport
Kincheloe, Michigan
July 24, 2019

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC or Commission) met at the Chippewa County International Airport, Kincheloe, Michigan, on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Members Present

Rick Fiddler, Presiding Chairman
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner
Kelly Burris, Commissioner
Laura Mester, Designee – MDOT
Kevin Jacobs, Designee – MDNR
Maj. Gen. Len Isabelle, Designee – MDMVA
F/Lt. Brian Bahlau, Designee – MSP
Mike Dittenber, Legal Counsel
Mike Trout, Director
Bryan Budds, Commission Advisor
Judy Baker, Commission Analyst

Staff Present

Kelly Badra
Brigitte Pricco
Alissa VanHoof

Members Absent

Roger Salo, Acting Chairman
Dr. Brian Smith, Commissioner

Also Present

Tami Beseau, Chippewa County Int'l. Airport (CIU)
Jenalee Fenwick, Chippewa County EDC
Chris Olson, Chippewa County EDC
Jim Quinnell, Chippewa County EDC
Mike Borta, Prein&Newhof
Eric Jaroch, Roscommon Co. – Blodgett Mem. Airport
Tracey Laitinen, Sault Ste. Marie EDC
Bob Leisenring, Mead & Hunt, Inc.
John Strehl, Antrim County Airport
David Waite, Great Circle Aviation/Sanderson Field

I. OPENING REMARKS

MAC Director Mike Trout introduced and welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Kelly Burris of Pleasant Ridge. She is the owner of Burris Law, PLLC and a former engineer with McDonnell Douglas and Boeing. She is also a licensed pilot who has participated in the Angel Flight program.

Since the chairman and vice chairman were not present and in accordance with the MAC Bylaws, Commissioner Len Isabelle made a motion to select Commissioner Rick Fiddler as Presiding Chairman. Commissioner Laura Mester seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**



The July 24, 2019 MAC meeting was called to order by Presiding Chairman Fiddler at 10:00 a.m. Presiding Chairman Fiddler welcomed all those present. He asked everyone to rise, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Roll call was taken.

II. WELCOME

Presiding Chairman Fiddler introduced Chippewa County International Airport Manager Tami Beseau and thanked her for hosting the Commission meeting. Ms. Beseau welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation to the Commission for conducting its meeting at the airport. She introduced the following members of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation: Jenalee Fenwick, Chris Olson, and Jim Quinnell. Ms. Beseau provided an update and history of CIU.

Presiding Chairman Fiddler thanked Ms. Beseau for her comments. He and Director Trout presented a special recognition in honor of the airport for preserving Michigan's aviation legacy. Ms. Beseau expressed her appreciation and thanked the Commission for the honor.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the May 22, 2019 Meeting

Presiding Chairman Fiddler asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2019. There were none. He entertained a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna and seconded by Commissioner Isabelle to approve the minutes as presented. **All voted in favor.**

B. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Presiding Chairman Fiddler explained the process for the election of chairman and vice chairman for the next year.

In accordance with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission Bylaws, Article IV, Sections 4.1 and 4.4, Presiding Chairman Fiddler appointed Commissioner Kavalhuna and Commissioner Burris as the nominating committee to recommend to the Commission, at the next meeting scheduled for September 11, 2019, the persons to be considered for election to serve as the Commission chair and vice chair for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. **No motion was required for this action.**

C. Request for Approval and Transfer of Appropriated Funds

Airport Sponsor Contracts

Alissa VanHoof presented the following contracts:

1. Lenawee County Airport, Adrian
2. Antrim County Airport, Bellaire
3. Roben – Hood Airport, Big Rapids
4. Detroit Metro Wayne County, Detroit
5. Bishop International Airport, Flint
6. Bishop International Airport, Flint
7. Bishop International Airport, Flint
8. Bishop International Airport, Flint
9. Memorial Airpark, Grand Haven
10. Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids
11. Roscommon Co. Blodgett Memorial, Houghton Lake



12. Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International, Kalamazoo
13. Mason County Airport, Ludington
14. Manistee County – Blacker, Manistee
15. Manistee County – Blacker, Manistee
16. Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport, Niles
17. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
18. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
19. South Haven Area Regional, South Haven
20. Paul C. Miller – Sparta Airport, Sparta
21. White Cloud Airport, White Cloud
- Supplemental Transfer – Action Required**
22. Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids

Ms. VanHoof reported on the supplemental transfer: MBS International Airport, Saginaw.
No Commission action was required.

Presiding Chairman Fiddler asked if there were any further comments or questions on the sponsor contracts. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve item Nos. 1-22 of the Airport Sponsor Contracts. The motion was moved by Commissioner Isabelle and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Jacobs to approve the contracts as presented. **All voted in favor.**

(Due to the potential appearance of a conflict of interest, Presiding Chairman Fiddler abstained from voting on contract Nos. 10 and 22, Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids.)

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

D. Loan Request for Branch County Memorial

Ms. VanHoof also presented the loan request stating that the sponsor for Branch County Memorial, Coldwater is requesting a loan of \$100,000 to cover the increased local share of runway 4/22 rehabilitation. The low bid for the project originally estimated at \$900,000, came in at \$1,392,000. The Michigan Department of Treasury has determined that Branch County Memorial is in material compliance with the financial criteria necessary to receive the loan. The sponsor has ten years to repay the loan at a 3.3 percent annual interest rate.

Presiding Chairman Fiddler asked if there were any further comments or questions. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the loan request for Branch County Memorial. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kavalhuna and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the loan as presented. **All voted in favor.**

IV. REPORTS

A. MAC Director Report

Director Trout welcomed everyone and thanked Ms. Beseau for hosting the Commission meeting. He continued and reported on the following:



Statistics

➤ Fuel Tax Revenue (Thru June)

- Excise (3¢)
FY 2019 = \$3,859,365 (\$829,357 YTD Increase)
FY 2018 = \$3,030,008

- Sales (2%)
FY 2019 YTD Total = \$8,573,375

FY 2018 Total = \$7,157,622

SAF 2019 YTD = \$3,000,681
(\$495,515 YTD Increase)

SAF 2018 YTD = \$2,505,166

➤ Contract Closeouts (FYTD)

- 18 Primary Airport Grants (47 Active)
- 45 State Block Sub Grants
- 5 State Block Grant (10 Active)
- 13 State/Local Grants

➤ Tall Structure Permits

- 2019 = 2,159 (277 wind turbines) Year to Date
- 2018 = 5,298 (611 wind turbines) Calendar Year Total

➤ State Aircraft Flight Hours (FY Thru June)

- 2019 = 460
- 2018 = 623

Budget

Director Trout discussed the Office of Aeronautics FY 2020 proposed budget stating that the projected revenue and expenses are expected to remain steady from the current year. It is not known when the final MDOT appropriation will be approved.

Staff News

- Hilary Hoose, Planning and Development Section – 5 Years of State Service
- Ralph Sims, Planning and Development Section – 45 Years of State Service
- Nikki Moore, New Grant Financial Analyst, Programming Section
- Zach Tecson, New GIS and CAD Analyst, Planning and Development Section

Upcoming Events

- EAA AirVenture – July 22-28, Oshkosh, WI
- NASAO Annual Conference – Sept. 7-11, St. Paul, MN
- MAAE Fall Conference – Sept. 9-13, Port Huron, MI
- MAC Meeting – Sept. 11, 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 (GA) Advisory Committee

Bryan Budds reported that the committee last met on June 19, 2019, and the meeting was primarily focused on airspace. Office of Aeronautics Airspace Specialist Linn Smith presented and spoke about airport zoning in the state of Michigan. Colonel Sean Southworth, Michigan Air National Guard, presented and spoke about the proposed Alpena military operations area expansion.

V. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Kavalhuna congratulated and welcomed Commissioner Burris to her first meeting. He thanked CIU Manager Tami Beseau for hosting the Commission and stated that the MAC road trips are extremely valuable and provides an opportunity for the Commission to visit communities and airports around the state.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Presiding Chairman Fiddler asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. There were no comments.

CLOSING

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Blue Water Convention Center, Port Huron. The meeting will take place in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Airport Executives conference.

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

(approved/signed, original on file)
Rick Fiddler, Presiding Chairman

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

Dated: Sept. 11, 2019

