

MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
MIAT College of Technology
Canton, Michigan
May 14, 2014

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, created by said act, met at MIAT College of Technology, 2955 South Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan, on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Pete Kamarainen, Chairman
Roger Salo, Vice Chairman
J. David VanderVeen, Commissioner
Rick Fiddler, Commissioner
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner
Capt. Mike Caldwell, Designee – MSP
Scott Heather, Designee – MDNR
Dave Brickey, Legal Counsel
Mike Trout, Director

Members Absent

Laura Mester, Designee – MDOT
BG Len Isabelle, Designee – MDMVA

Staff Present

Dave Baker
Judy Baker
Jennifer Forbes
Leanne Hengesbach
Chip Kraus
Pauline Misjak
Rachelle Thorn
Mary Kay Trierweiler

Also Present

Sean Brosnan, Willow Run Airport
Katy Delaney, Federal Aviation Administration
(FAA)
Joe Hass, Troy Oakland Pilots
Kelly Jost, C&S Engineers, Inc.
Tim Kissel, MIAT College of Technology
Jim Koslosky, Prein&Newhof
John Mayfield, FAA
Dave McKenzie, Michigan Private Airstrip
Owners Association (MPAOA)
Sarah Mozdrzech, C&S Engineers, Inc.
Christopher Mullin, Willow Run Airport
Tina Roperti, MIAT College of Technology
Brittan Smith, FAA
Stephanie Swann, FAA
Gary Tokar, MPAOA
Scott Woody, Charlevoix Municipal Airport
Steve Zelle, MPAOA



I. OPENING REMARKS

The May 14, 2014 Michigan Aeronautics Commission (Commission) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Kamarainen at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Kamarainen welcomed all those present. He thanked Tim Kissel for graciously hosting the meeting, stating that it is a pleasure to be at MIAT College of Technology.

Chairman Kamarainen asked everyone to rise, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Roll call was taken. Commissioners Laura Mester and Len Isabelle were absent.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Chairman Kamarainen introduced Mr. Tim Kissel, Vice President of Education, MIAT College of Technology.

Mr. Kissel welcomed everyone and stated that he appreciates the opportunity of meeting the public, especially the Department of Transportation. Before he proceeded with his presentation, he gave a quick safety briefing of the building.

Mr. Kissel stated that MIAT College of Technology holds classes year round and is a for-profit, proprietary school. It has been in the area since 1969. The school originally began at Willow Run Airport as a small family-run organization and has grown into a 125,000 square foot facility, of which 85,000 square feet is shop area. Students come from all over to learn how to work on airplanes.

MIAT's main program is Aviation Maintenance Technology offered as an associate degree, which can be achieved in approximately 24 months. Other programs offered as an associate degree are Energy Technology, Global Logistics and Dispatch, and their newest program is HVACR (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration).

Mr. Kissel thanked everyone for coming and stated that there will be a tour of the facility after the meeting. To learn more about MIAT College of Technology, please visit www.miat.edu.

Chairman Kamarainen thanked Mr. Kissel for his presentation.

- B. Chairman Kamarainen introduced Ms. Tina Roperti, Assistant Director of Career Services, MIAT College of Technology, to talk about Women in Aviation International, Yankee Ladies Chapter.

Ms. Roperti welcomed everyone. She began by stating that Women in Aviation International began in 1990 and was formally established in 1994, as a nonprofit organization. The Yankee Ladies Chapter was formed in 2008. Ms. Roperti stated that



she joined the chapter in 2009 to encourage students to join. The reason she stayed a member is because it is a great organization. Some of the benefits of being a member:

- Aviation for Women, official publication of Women in Aviation International.
- WAI Connect, electronic newsletter published bi-monthly.
- Annual and regional conferences for women and men in all fields of aviation and aerospace. Member discounts available.
- Chapters in communities around the world.
- Web site with the latest news, conference information and job postings at www.wai.org.
- Network base for personal and career development.
- Scholarships in many aviation fields.

The Yankee Ladies Chapter meets monthly at Willow Run Airport and has been active in supporting the following organizations and events:

- Thunder Over Michigan
- Operation Christmas Child
- Yankee Air Museum
- Great Lakes International Aviation Conference
- Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council
- Sandhill Soaring Club

Members have had the opportunity to learn more about the aviation industry:

- Regular guest speakers at monthly meetings.
- Behind the scene tours of Willow Run and Detroit Metro Airports.
- Tour of Johnson Controls Corporate Aviation facility, AvFuel facility, and USAJet Airlines, etc.

For more information on Women in Aviation International, please go to www.wai.org. Amy Kienast is President of the Yankee Ladies Chapter. For more information about the chapter, please contact Amy at akienast@miat.edu.

Ms. Roperti stated that although it is called “Women in Aviation,” chapter membership is open to men and women. There are several male members of the chapter.

Chairman Kamarainen thanked Ms. Roperti for her presentation.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Chairman Kamarainen asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2014. There were none. He entertained a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was moved by Commissioner Dave VanderVeen and supported by Vice Chairman Roger Salo to approve the minutes as written. **The motion was passed unanimously.**



General Aviation Committee Update

Chairman Kamarainen went off the agenda and asked Vice Chairman Salo to give the General Aviation Committee (GA) update.

Vice Chairman Salo reported that the GA Committee met on April 16. An update on the reopening of North Fox Island Airport was given. Thanks to Island Aviation, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and Department of Natural Resources for their assistance, the airport should be opened by June or July.

The committee announced that the Commission mailed a letter of support for H.R. 3708, General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2013, to the Michigan Congressional Delegation, and Congressman Walberg had decided to co-sponsor the bill.

The committee learned that the Fly Michigan Facebook page had reached 141 Likes, and the group discussed contributing pictures and events to the page to inform viewers of various events and generate more interest.

The date for this year's Teacher Workshop was firmed up and set for October 18, 2014, in the Aeronautics Building.

Committee member Anna Koerber will be presenting at the "Girls in Aviation Day" to be held at the Oakland County International Airport on October 25, 2014. She is also pursuing aviation merit badge programs at both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

The committee is also looking to establish a Michigan Airport Passport Program, which would offer premiums for pilots visiting a number of airports throughout Michigan. This has generated much interest in other states.

Vice Chairman Salo stated that he is very pleased with the committee. Members have many great ideas to pursue, and the committee is currently trying to prioritize all of them. The establishment of the GA Committee was a very good idea.

Chairman Kamarainen thanked Vice Chairman Salo for his report.

Commissioner VanderVeen inquired about the bomber plant at Willow Run Airport. Chris Mullin, the new director of Willow Run Airport, stated that the fund raising campaign was very aggressive; and although they were not able to reach their ultimate goal, they did receive a sufficient amount to draft an offer to RACER (company that owns the property and oversees the demolition) to purchase the last portion of the plant. The plan is for renovation so that the Yankee Air Museum can house its airplanes and memorabilia there. Once received, RACER will review and consider the proposal.

Commissioner Scott Heather stated that Vice Chairman Salo's report of possible aviation merit badges for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America sounds like an outstanding



way to create interest of young people in aviation. He suggested the Commission may want to consider a way to officially support that effort. Chairman Kamarainen agreed and stated that a letter of support would be appropriate.

B. Chairman Kamarainen asked Mr. Dave Baker to present the airport sponsor contracts.

1. Alpena County Regional Airport, Alpena
2. Alpena County Regional Airport, Alpena
3. Beaver Island Airport, Beaver Island
4. Antrim County Airport, Bellaire
5. Antrim County Airport, Bellaire
6. Wexford County Airport, Cadillac
7. Cheboygan County Airport, Cheboygan
8. Cheboygan County Airport, Cheboygan
9. Clare Municipal Airport, Clare
10. Willow Run Airport, Detroit
11. Willow Run Airport, Detroit
12. Coleman A. Young Municipal, Detroit
13. Delta County Airport, Escanaba
14. Delta County Airport, Escanaba
15. Delta County Airport, Escanaba
16. Ewart Municipal Airport, Ewart
17. Bishop International Airport, Flint
18. Bishop International Airport, Flint
19. Bishop International Airport, Flint
20. Bishop International Airport, Flint
21. Fremont Municipal Airport, Fremont
22. Memorial Airpark, Grand Haven
23. Houghton County Memorial, Hancock
24. Houghton County Memorial, Hancock
25. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
26. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
27. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
28. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
29. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
30. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
31. Capital Region International, Lansing
32. Capital Region International, Lansing
33. Capital Region International, Lansing
34. Price's Airport, Linden
35. Mason County Airport, Ludington
36. Mason County Airport, Ludington
37. Sawyer International, Marquette
38. Sawyer International, Marquette
39. Sawyer International, Marquette



40. Sawyer International, Marquette
41. Menominee – Marinette Twin County Airport, Menominee
42. Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon
43. Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon
44. Ontonagon County Airport – Schuster Field, Ontonagon
45. Oscoda – Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda
46. Canton – Plymouth Mettetal Airport, Plymouth
47. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
48. Sebewaing Township Airport, Sebewaing

Chairman Kamarainen asked if there were any further comments or questions on the 48 sponsor contracts. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the contracts. The motion was moved by Commissioner VanderVeen and supported by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna to approve the contracts. **All voted in favor.**

A list of the sponsor contracts can be viewed in full on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission Web page at www.michigan.gov/aero under QuickLinks.

Mr. Baker presented the supplemental transfer for Oakland County International Airport in Pontiac. He explained the process for the transfer. **No Commission action is required.**

Chairman Kamarainen thanked Mr. Baker for his report.

C. Director Mike Trout presented the Air Service Grants.

1. W. K. Kellogg Airport, Battle Creek
2. Houghton County Memorial, Hancock
3. Gogebic Iron County Airport, Ironwood
4. Manistee County – Blacker, Manistee
5. Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac

Chairman Kamarainen asked if there were any further comments or questions on the five Air Service Grants. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the grants. A first vote on grant Nos. 1-4 was held. The motion was moved by Commissioner VanderVeen and supported by Commissioner Kavalhuna. **All voted in favor.**

Due to a conflict of interest with grant No. 5, Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac, a second vote was held. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kavalhuna and supported by Commissioner Rick Fiddler to approve the grant, **with Commissioner VanderVeen abstaining. All voted in favor.**

A list of the Air Service Grants can be viewed in full on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission Web page at www.michigan.gov/aero under QuickLinks.



D. Director Trout reported on the Air Service Consultant Contract.

As reported during previous Commission meetings, the Air Service Committee has been working to secure the services of an air service development consultant to preserve and enhance air service throughout the state.

As part of that effort, the selected consultant will be responsible for a number of air service development projects including, but not limited to:

- Updating the Policy Plan for Michigan Air Service to include:
 - Analysis of current and predicted airline industry trends that may affect Michigan's air carrier airports.
 - Aligning goals/objectives to those contained in MDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Governor's Infrastructure Dashboard.
 - Quantify existing air service levels and anticipated trends in market demand.

- Providing up to ten technical reports and strategy recommendations on subjects which may include:
 - Alternatives/modifications to USDOT's Essential Air Service Program.
 - Improving public acceptance and appreciation for local air carrier airports.
 - Addressing continued evolution of airline fleets and operating strategies.

- Participate in up to three strategy sessions/presentations with officials from the Office of Aeronautics and/or the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

Three qualifying proposals were received in response to the request for proposals. After an extensive review and scoring process, the Air Service Committee selected Trillion Av, LLC (d/b/a Trillion Aviation) for a two-year, not to exceed \$100,000, contract.

Subject to Commission approval, staff from the Office of Aeronautics will move forward with the contract development process.

Chair Kamarainen asked if there were any questions and/or comments regarding the proposed Air Service Consultant Contract. Hearing none he entertained a motion and support to approve entering into a two-year contract with Trillion Aviation, not to exceed \$100,000.

The motion was moved by Commissioner Kavalhuna. He stated that this motion is based on a committee that he chairs with Commissioner VanderVeen. The committee solicited and vetted three applications for the consultant contract. Commissioner Kavalhuna believes this amount of money with this amount of expertise supplied by this contract, with that being Trillion Aviation, meets the committee's goal for promoting efficient use of public funds, while promoting air service throughout the state. The committee expects to have a good relationship with the consultant and provide the Commission with



feedback and direction as to what can be done most efficiently to move forward in what is probably a new paradigm of air service in our state. Commissioner Kavalhuna stated that he is confident Trillion Aviation is the right group to fulfill the contract.

Commissioner Kavalhuna's motion was supported by Commissioner VanderVeen to approve entering into a two-year contract with Trillion Aviation, not to exceed \$100,000. **All voted in favor.**

IV. REPORTS

A. MAC Director's Report

Chairman Kamarainen asked Director Trout to give his report.

Proposed Legislation

Director Trout welcomed everyone and began by summarizing three proposed bills.

- House Bill 4571 – revenue bill.
- House Bill 4572 – exemption of aviation fuels from the sales tax bill.
- House Bill 4677 – revenue replacement bill for the School Aid Fund.

All three bills:

- Tie-barred.
- Address critical shortfall in aviation infrastructure investment that has existed for several years and critical needs identified in the Transportation Funding Task Force Study of 2009.
- Address the concerns expressed by FAA on the taxation of aviation fuel and compliance with the Federal Anti-Head Tax Act of 1973.
- Enable MDOT to ensure matching funds are available for all federal dollars that will likely be available in the foreseeable future.
- Change the way aviation fuel is taxed . . .
 - ✓ Making Michigan more competitive.
 - ✓ Providing fiscal protection to the School Aid Fund.
 - ✓ Representing a major step to ensure Michigan has world class airports and infrastructure to compete in the global economy.

Director Trout stated that these bills were going to be in the Senate Subcommittee that morning, where Vice Chairman Salo and other Michigan Business Aviation Association members were to testify.

Good Government in Action

Director Trout spoke about MDOT's Strategic Plan Implementation 'Good Government in Action' initiative, of which the Governor is very supportive. The strategic plan calls for transformational improvements in organizational performance, with an emphasis on employee engagement. MDOT has a yearly employee engagement survey that is conducted, and the feedback received is reviewed by action teams throughout the



department. Office of Aeronautics has a great team that has come up with ideas on how to address some of the higher level engagement issues related to communication within the department. The team identified where improvements can take place and will be able to suggest how we can improve.

Wildly Important Goal

The Director's Executive Team has embarked on the Wildly Important Goal (WIG) initiative. Last year, MDOT's WIG was customer service. This year it is improving customer satisfaction to 80 percent by December 31, 2014, measured by direct customer interactions.

The Office of Aeronautics' WIG for 2014 is to develop an aircraft operation Safety Management System (SMS) to include an Operations Manual and preliminary audit under the International Standards for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO) by December 31, 2014. The team is creating a weekly action plan of tasks to advance progress toward SMS completion and committed to complete at least 80 percent of the individual tasks contained in the plan. The team consists mostly of flight operation folks: Rick Carlson, Tom Krashen, Tara Ball, Tera Fricke, Matt Brinker, and Hilary Vanderstow, along with Mike Trout, Rick Hammond, and Anu Taneja supporting this effort.

Director Trout presented the scoreboard and explained how it is updated. Folks throughout the department are able to view the scoreboard and see how we are doing.

Mobile App

Director Trout spoke about the mobile app for Michigan's airport directory, currently in testing. MDOT's Director viewed such an application in another state and gave the green light for the Office of Aeronautics to develop one as well. Director Trout thanked Mark Grennell, Chip Kraus, and others who have been involved in the project. This will be a great tool for pilots and others traveling around the state.

Promoting Michigan Aviation

Director Trout shared two videos promoting aviation in Michigan: Pure Michigan Air Zoo in Kalamazoo and Kalitta Air Creating Jobs in Oscoda Township.

Chairman Kamarainen thanked Director Trout for his report.

Director Trout's report can be viewed in full on the Michigan Aeronautics Commission Web page at www.michigan.gov/aero under QuickLinks.

- B. General Aviation Committee – Reported on earlier in the meeting by Vice Chairman Salo.
- C. Air Service Committee – Reported on earlier in the meeting by Commissioner Kavalhuna.



V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Kamarainen asked the commissioners if they wished to make any comments.

There were no comments.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Kamarainen asked if anyone wished to make a public comment.

Jim Koslosky, who works for Prein&Newhof and is a retired airport director from Grand Rapids, Michigan, shared information he learned when attending the Wisconsin Aviation Conference. He found it interesting that the statewide conference was hosted by the airport managers, Wisconsin Aviation Trades Association, and Wisconsin Business Aircraft Association. Mr. Koslosky stated that bringing these three groups together created some energy and dialogue. One of the big items celebrated was the fact that Wisconsin had repealed the state's sales tax on aircraft maintenance and components entirely. In addition, Wisconsin created a statewide economic development effort to leverage aviation economic development in the state, a very interesting concept. The State of Wisconsin, airport managers, and trade groups are all pushing it. As a result, they are expecting a major announcement by Gulfstream to look at expanding their facility in Appleton. It is a very competitive environment. Mr. Koslosky stated that there are opportunities out there that may be of help to the Commission and across the state to possibly create that type of energy here in Michigan.

Steve Zelle, President of the Michigan Private Airstrip Owners Association, spoke about the project the association has been working on to gain liability protection for the privately owned, private use airstrips in Michigan. As of two weeks ago, the House Judiciary Committee approved House Bill 5178. Once the House approves the bill, it will go to the Senate through their process. Once approved by the Senate, the bill will go back to the House. If there are no amendments, it will go to the Governor for signature. Mr. Zelle stated that the association has been working on this bill for four years, and they are very pleased with how far it has come.

Chairman Kamarainen thanked both Mr. Koslosky and Mr. Zelle for their comments.

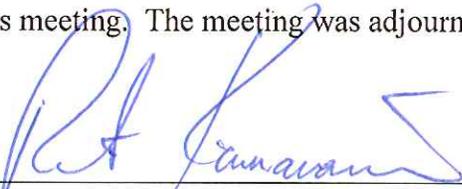
There were no other public comments.

CLOSING

The next Michigan Aeronautics Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 10:00 a.m., in the Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan.



Chairman Kamarainen announced that there will be a tour of the college immediately following this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Pete Kamarainen, Chairman



Michael G. Trout, Director

Dated 7.23.14

