

MICHIGAN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting
Lansing, Michigan
August 23, 2017

Approval for the draft minutes will be voted on by the UAS Task Force at the next meeting on September 6, 2017. Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 436 of the Public Acts of 2016, the members of the Michigan Unmanned Aircraft Systems, created by said act, met at the Aeronautics Building, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Corbett Adkins-Phone
Craig Amey
Scott Baldwin
Andrew Bordine
Bradley Chambers
Daniel Coffey
Jon Cool
Charles Drayton
Eric Ebenstein-Phone
John Flanagan
Thomas Harrell
John Hill
Kevin Jacobs
Christopher Johnson
Katie Jones
Richard Katherns
Kevin Klein
Kevin Lindsey
Greg MacMaster
Michael Olson
Susan Roberts
Matthew Rogers
Thomas Scott
Robert Sweeney
Mike Trout
Brian Matchett

Members Absent

Julia Dale

Staff Present

Michele Duncan
Judy Baker
Elyse Lower
Brigitte Pricco
Bryan Budds
Kelly Bartlett
Phil Browne
William Shreck

Also Present

Joe Hass
John Karlen
AJ Rodriguez
Pam Tobin
John Dulmes

I. OPENING REMARKS

The August 23, 2017 Michigan Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) was called to order by Chairman Mike Trout at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Trout welcomed all those present. He asked everyone to rise, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Roll call was taken by Brigitte Pricco.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Trout began by introducing Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff, task force members were invited to introduce themselves and stated their expectations of the task force.

III. SURVEY RESULTS

Bryan Budds stated that the expectations that were mentioned from the survey results included Privacy, Safety, Economic Development, Uniformity, Harmony with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations, and Critical Infrastructure Protection. The most significant issue determined by the survey results was Privacy.

IV. OVERVIEW OF TASK FORCE SCOPE AND CHARGE

Chairman Trout described the scope and charge of the task force. The final report with recommendations are due to the Governor within three months of the first task force meeting.

As part of the report, the task force shall consider commercial and private uses of UAS, landowner and privacy rights, general rules and regulations for safe UAS operations.

V. OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Bryan Budds presented the current FAA UAS Regulations, which included a short description of Part 107 requirements and limitations. Slides and discussion were also presented regarding the Michigan Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act 436 of 2016. Discussion regarding current Congressional activity to permit state/local regulation of airspace from 200 feet below also occurred.

VI. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS, TOPICS, AND SCHEDULE

Future meeting topics will include Private UAS Use, Public UAS Use, Economic Development and State Support for Growth, and Report Drafting. The following will be the dates of future UAS Task Force meetings.

- September 6
- September 27
- October 11
- November 1
- November 8
- November 15
- November 20

VII. TASK FORCE OPEN DISCUSSION

Task force members discussed:

- a. Attempts to prosecute illegal drone operations.
- b. Other state attempts to regulate UAS.
- c. Existing low altitude waivers for manned aircraft.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

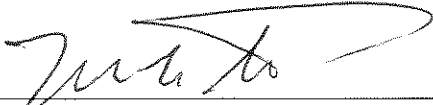
Public comment cards received by Ms. Pam Tobin and Mr. John Dulmes.

Ms. Pam Tobin, Flight instructor at Lansing Community College, recommended that the UAS Task Force include a flight instructor on the panel.

John Dulmes, Executive Director of the Michigan Chemistry Council, discussed the importance of privacy and asked about what it means to trespass with a drone.

CLOSING

The next UAS Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



 Mike Trout, Chairman

Dated: 9/6/17