

**MICHIGAN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS  
TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting  
Lansing, Michigan  
September 27, 2017

(Approval for the draft minutes will be voted on by the UAS Task Force at the next meeting on October 11, 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, September 27, 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-Phone  
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  
Mike Trout  
Brian Matchett

**Members Absent**

Julia Dale  
Eric Ebenstein  
John Flanagan  
Richard Kathrens  
Robert Sweeney

**Staff Present**

Judy Baker  
Elyse Lower  
Brigitte Pricco  
Bryan Budds  
Kelly Bartlett  
William Shreck

**Also Present**

Melinda Marion  
Greg Harless  
AJ Rodriguez  
Nate Washburn

## **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.

Chairman Trout presented draft minutes from the September 6, 2017 meeting. Dan Coffey motioned and Kevin Klein supported the motion to approve and the group agreed.

## **II. RECAP PRIVATE USE REPORT SECTION TOPICS**

Bryan Budds shared a recap of private UAS use. He confirmed the task force's comments that for report inclusion the following topics be discussed:

1. For purposes of privacy, trespass, and other criminal activity already in statute, an extension of self-principle be codified to treat a UAS as an extension of self.
2. Explore statewide UAS Airspace Management.
3. Centralized state outreach.

## **III. RECENT UAS NEWS**

Bryan Budds shared some recent developments such as the Singer vs. Newton, MA, Federal district court ruling. The City of Newton imposed restrictions such as City UAS registration, and invalidated the city's restrictions. Restriction over private property and public property. The Court upheld FAA's preemption authority with regard to airspace.

## **IV. PUBLIC USE UAS PRESENTATION**

Matt Rogers discussed some of the current UAS laws in Michigan and the difficulty for state and local law enforcement to enforce federal rule.

The task force also discussed difficulties with existing state drone law regarding interference with public safety officers. The task force recommended an amendment be included in the final report to include all "public safety officers."

The task force discussed MSPs current UAS policies and recommended this information be shared with local law enforcement agencies as guidance.

The task force received a briefing from Kevin Klein on UAS issues at public airports. Discussion of local airport zoning followed.

The task force discussed UAS safety seminars for the general public, local government, and others.

The task force discussed enforcement challenges related to UAS.

The task force discussed the importance of establishing a primary state UAS point of contact.

## V. 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.

October 11  
October 25  
November 1  
November 8  
November 15  
November 20

## VI. TASK FORCE OPEN DISCUSSION

Task force members discussed:

- a. Enforcement challenges FAA, state and local levels.
- b. Airspace restrictions.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Public comment card received by Ms. Melinda Marion. She announced that a Michigan Drone Conference will be held on October 24, 2017. This will be held at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center.

## CLOSING

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



Mike Trout, Chairman

Dated: 10/11/17