MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
Pellston, Michigan
July 17, 2024

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 McKinely Township Hall in Levering, Michigan on July 17, 2024.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Benjamin Carter, Vice Chair
Rick Fiddler, Commissioner
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner
Kevin Jacobs, Designee MDNR
Capt. Greg Setla, Designee MSP
Laura Mester, Designee MDOT
Major General Bryan Teff, Designee, MDMVA
Bryan Budds, Commission Advisor

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Brian Smith, Chair
Kelly Burris, Commissioner
Alicia Morrison, Commission Analyst

I. OPENING REMARKS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

The July 17, 2024, MAC meeting was officially called to order by Vice Chair Ben Carter at 10:00 am.

Laura Mester introduced Bryan Budds as the new Director of the Office of Aeronautics and Michigan Aeronautics Commission, replacing Mike Trout who retired in July, effective Monday, July 22.

Vice Chair Ben Carter welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all in attendance.

Vice Chair Carter then asked everyone to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Carter asked for a formal roll call. Roll call was taken by Karin Palmer. It was announced five (5) Commissioners were present in person for a quorum.

WELCOME PRESENTATION

Vice Chair Carter called on Ryan Bachelor, Airport Director, Pellston Regional Airport, who welcomed the Commission and community members present and thanked them for attending. Ryan shared general information about Pellston Airport including services offered and information on current and future projects.

AVIATION EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

Vice Chair Carter called on Duane Enos, Instructor, Aviation Technology Program, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. Duane Enos spoke about the Aviation Technology program which currently meets on Pellston Airport Property.

II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the May 22, 2024, Meeting

a. Vice Chair Carter asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2024. There were none. Vice Chair Carter entertained a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna and seconded by Commissioner Laura Mester to approve the minutes as presented. **All voted in favor. Vice Chair Carter announced the motion is carried.**

B. Request for Approval and Transfer of Appropriated Funds

Vice Chair Carter called on Elyse Lower to present the Airport Sponsor Contracts and Supplemental Transfers.

1. Padgham Field, Allegan (35D)
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4. Battle Creek Executive Airport at Kellogg Field, Battle Creek (BTL)
5. Big Rapids, Roben-Hood, Big Rapids (RQB)
6. Big Rapids, Roben-Hood, Big Rapids (RQB)
7. Big Rapids, Roben-Hood, Big Rapids (RQB)
8. Wexford County Airport, Cadillac (CAD)
9. Wexford County Airport, Cadillac (CAD)
10. Wexford County Airport, Cadillac (CAD)
11. Wexford County Airport, Cadillac (CAD)
12. Cheboygan County Airport, Cheboygan (SLH)
13. Cheboygan County Airport, Cheboygan (SLH)
14. Cheboygan County Airport, Cheboygan (SLH)
15. Cheboygan County Airport, Cheboygan (SLH)
16. Clare Municipal Airport, Clare (48D)
17. Branch County Memorial Airport, Coldwater (OEB)
18. Branch County Memorial Airport, Coldwater (OEB)
19. Gladwin Zettel Memorial Airport, Gladwin (GDW)
20. Gladwin Zettel Memorial Airport, Gladwin (GDW)
21. Oceana County Airport, Hart-Shelby (C04)
22. Hastings Airport, Hastings (9D9)
23. Hastings Airport, Hastings (9D9)
24. Livingston County Spencer J. Hardy Airport, Howell (OZW)
25. Livingston County Spencer J. Hardy Airport, Howell (OZW)
26. Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field, Jackson (JXN)
27. Schoolcraft County Airport, Manistique (ISQ)
28. Schoolcraft County Airport, Manistique (ISQ)
29. Jack Barstow Municipal Airport, Midland (IKW)

30. Jack Barstow Municipal Airport, Midland (IKW)
31. Jack Barstow Municipal Airport, Midland (IKW)
32. Jack Barstow Municipal Airport, Midland (IKW)
33. Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Airport, Mio (51M)
34. Oakland/Southwest Airport, New Hudson (Y47)
35. Oakland/Southwest Airport, New Hudson (Y47)
36. Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport, Saginaw (HYX)
37. Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport, Saginaw (HYX)
38. South Haven Area Regional Airport, South Haven (LWA)
39. Paul C. Miller Airport, Sparta (8D4)
40. Paul C. Miller Airport, Sparta (8D4)
41. Kirsch Municipal Airport, Sturgis (IRS)
42. Kirsch Municipal Airport, Sturgis (IRS)
43. West Branch Community Airport, West Branch (Y31)
44. Wayne County Airport Authority Blanket Transfer (DTW)
45. Wayne County Airport Authority Blanket Transfer (YIP)

Supplemental Transfers — No Action Required
Abrams Municipal Airport, Grand Ledge (4D0)

Vice Chair Carter asked if there were any questions. There were none. He then asked for a motion to approve the Airport Sponsor Contracts, Items 1-45 as presented. The motion was moved by Commissioner Kavalhuna and seconded by Commissioner Teff. **All voted in favor. Vice Chair Carter announced the motion is carried.**

C. Airport Loan Program Request

Vice Chair Carter called on Elyse Lower to present the Airport Loan Request from Lowell City Airport (24C).

Airport Loan Program Request

1. Lowell City Airport (24C)

Vice Chair Carter asked if there were any questions. There were none. He then asked for a motion to approve the Airport Loan Program Request as presented. The motion was moved by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna. **All voted in favor. Vice Chair Carter announced the motion is carried.**

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Smith called on Bryan Budds to present the Director's Report. Bryan Budds discussed the fiscal year (FY) 2024 program update, as well as the FY 2025 budget progression. Interim Director Budds gave an overview of key items the Office of Aeronautics is currently working on and a brief overview of future opportunities.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna thanked Commissioner Laura Mester and Chair Brian Smith for selecting Bryan Budds to be the next director and congratulated Bryan.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

VII. CLOSING

Vice Chair Carter announced the next MAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 at Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti, Michigan in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Airport Executives fall conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Brian Smith, Chair

Bryan Budds, Interim Director