

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Gogebic-Iron County Airport  
E5560 Airport Rd.  
Ironwood, MI 49938

July 14, 2025  
5:00 P.M.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mr. Hanson.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** (5) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Loreti, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson, *Mr. Risik\**

**Absent:** (0) None

**Others Present:** Kristi Freeman, Stephanie Matonich, Sallie Holtz, Logan Olkonen, Megan Hughes,

\*Sam Risik - Junior Board Member through Iron County 4H (Mr. Busch – Absent)

**Approval of the Minutes**

1. June 9, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Loreti and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Airport Board on Agenda Items (5 Minute Limit)**

None.

**New Business**

1. Bill Hamlin – Flight School Operation & Exclusive Hangar Rental

Mr. Hamlin introduced himself and shared he is working toward a CFI designation to begin teaching by late winter/early spring. His immediate request is for an exclusive rental of Hangar #3 and then secondary to heat it. The board discussed who determines the designation of plane assignments, current storage rates, the financial responsibility of installing and charging heat. Mr. Lorensen requested that Mr. Hamlin place the specifics of his requests in writing. The issue will be discussed further when Mr. Busch is present.

**Manager's Report**

1. Ms. Freeman updated the board on the recent EGLE PFAS potential funding available. We are going to apply for additional monitor well testing and flushing our ARFF truck. We'll be working again with Zachary from Mead & Hunt and Jessica from LimnoTech. Grant applications are due July 30, 2025.

*\*Mr. Lorensen left at 5:30.*

2. Ms. Freeman inquired about scheduling a special meeting in August regarding Passenger Facility Charges feedback from airline and public notice letters that need 30 days' notice from

posting. The board decided to reschedule the regular board meeting to August 18, 2025, to accommodate the 30 days needed for this notice.

3. Ms. Freeman thanked Sallie and Stephanie from TSA for their work on the flowers and trimming around the GICA sign at the terminal. Their work is greatly appreciated.
4. Budget work will begin and will be on the August agenda.

### **Approval of the Reports**

1. Airline Performance Reports – June 2025
2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – June 2025
3. Outstanding Balances Report – June 2025
4. Aviation Fuel Report – June 2025

**A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Reports 1-4 as presented and place on file.

### **Appropriations**

1. **Approval of the Claims & Accounts**
  - a. Prepaids – June 2025
  - b. Accounts Payable – July 2025
2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – June 2025**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Matonich to approve Appropriation 1 – Approval of the Claims & Accounts a & b and Appropriation 2 – Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report as presented and place on file.

### **Roll Call**

**Yes: (4) Mr. Matonich, Mr. Risik\*, Mr. Loreti, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson**  
**No: (0) None**

**Motion Carried**

### **Other Matters**

Mr. Olkonen said that Mr. Coleman sends his regards. Mr. Matonich asked the airport to conduct a survey asking for the community's input on the airline's flight schedule and service.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Holtz stated that Mr. Coleman is receptive to moving the flight time back if that's what the community wants. She's heard numerous complaints regarding the delays. Mr. Olkonen said the delays are due mainly to Chicago weather; EDCTS, crew swaps, mechanical and congestion.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Matonich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

08/18/2025  
Date Approved

Mario Loreti  
Mario Loreti, Recording Secretary

Kristi Freeman  
Minutes Submitted by Kristi Freeman  
Administrative Secretary, Gogebic-Iron County Airport