

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

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

**August 18, 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: (4) Mr. Loreti, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson, *Mr. Risik**

Absent: (1) Mr. Lorensen

Others Present: Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, *Sam Risik - Junior Board Member through Iron County 4H, *Arrived a few minutes late* - Logan Olkonen, Stephanie Matonich, Sallie Holtz

Approval of the Minutes

1. July 14, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

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

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Matonich 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.

Old Business

1. Exclusive Hangar Rental & Flight Instruction - Hamlin

Mr. Busch supports what Mr. Hamlin is looking to start with flight instruction here in Ironwood. Discussion took place regarding Mr. Hamlin's requests and some developments discovered by Mr. Koruga since then during hangar maintenance. Overall hangar rates were questioned along with the work involved by the airport staff, heating hangars 2 and 3. It has been determined to be the manager's discretion as to where planes will be placed within the hangars. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Matonich and carried by unanimous voice vote to refuse Mr. Hamlin's exclusive hangar request and supplying his own heat to the hangar.

New Business

1. Passenger Facility Charges

Ms. Freeman briefly explained the PFC application process and the purpose of the meeting. No representatives from the airline or the public were in attendance. **A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place the PFC correspondence on file.

2. FAA IJA Grant #3-26-0050-20125 *ALP-Planning* (Administered through MDOT)
Mr. Busch explained this grant is for our Airport Layout Plan, a crucial document providing geographical representation of existing and future airport facilities. Ms. Freeman then stated it needs to be passed at the Airport Board level and then to the Gogebic County Board for the chair's signature. **A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize forwarding the grant to Gogebic County for the chairman's signature.

3. FY2026 Budget
Ms. Freeman stated that there is one line item that we are not satisfied with and need more time to review. Some discussion took place over this and how to offset the difference, along with increasing future appropriations. **A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to table the FY2026 Budget until the September meeting.

4. FY2026 & FY2027 Wages
The board decided to table the wage discussion until the budget is discussed. **A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to table the FY2026 and FY2027 Wages until the September meeting.

5. Airline Survey Results
The board briefly discussed the survey results and flight times. **A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Loreti and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the survey results and place on file.

6. Propane Bids
A motion was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Loreti and carried by unanimous voice vote to open one sealed bid received from Midland Services. Ms. Freeman stated who she sent the bids to, along with placing an ad in the Daily Globe's July 31st paper.

Mr. Hanson opened the bid from Midland at \$1.37/gallon.

A motion was made by Mr. Matonich, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to reject the bid from Midland and rebid.

Manager's Report

1. Mr. Busch stated that maintenance wise the airport is pretty well set.
2. Mr. Busch reiterated Mr. Koruga's assessment of the hangars and the necessary work.
3. Mr. Busch inquired into upgrading Hangar #3 for heat and then charging accordingly based on rates from the surrounding area.

Approval of the Reports

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

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

*Ms. Freeman pointed out the high enplanement number for July.

Appropriations

1. Approval of the Claims & Accounts

- a. Prepays & Credit Card – July 2025
- b. Accounts Payable – August 2025

2. Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – July 2025

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Loreti 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. Loreti, Mr. Risik*, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

Other Matters

Mr. Matonich clarified that Mr. Busch shall seek costs of heating Hangar #3 for the next meeting. Logan Olkonen said Mr. Coleman is willing to change the flight schedule back, but it will take a couple of months. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Matonich and carried by unanimous voice vote to change the flight time back by October 15th. Delta tickets can be booked directly from their site which is a big deal for Denver Air!

Public Comment

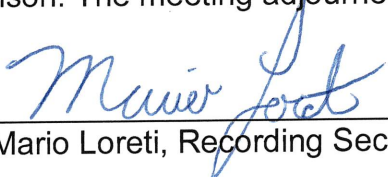
Ms. Holtz stated that the airline survey had no bearing as the airline was willing to change the flight time back. Discussion took place to the future and the possibility of two Chicago flights if the Delta interline doesn't increase enplanement numbers for Minneapolis.

Adjournment

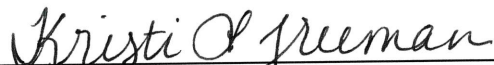
Thank you to Sam!

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Loreti and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

09/08/2025
Date Approved



Mario Loreti, Recording Secretary



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