

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

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

September 8, 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

Absent: (0) None

Others Present: Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, Logan Olkonen, Larry Youngs, Jay Sween, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes

1. August 18, 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. Lorensen 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

Mr. Youngs, Iron County Chairman and Jay Sween, Iron County Business Manager introduced themselves along with the airport board members, Mr. Busch and Ms. Freeman.

Old Business

1. Hangar #3 Heat

Mr. Busch discussed his plan to purchase a propane tank, insulation with staff completing the labor, a heater and any parts to complete the project for less than \$13,000. There is money budgeted in capital outlay to complete this project. The rents can then be raised in that hangar. **A motion** was made by Mr. Matonich and supported by Mr. Lorensen to pursue insulation, furnace and propane tank up to \$13,000 through capital outlay.

Roll Call

Yes: (5) Mr. Loreti, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson

No: (0) None

Motion Carried

2. Tenant Rates

Board members were provided with a rate sheet with proposed increases for each GA tenant. Each tenant will receive an updated lease to complete. The last increase and heated vs non heated were also discussed. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Matonich and carried by unanimous voice vote approving the proposed tenant rates.

3. FY2026 Budget

Board members were provided with updated operating and capital outlay budgets with a query to expense line item 702.00 Salaried and Permanent Part Time. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Lorensen to approve the FY2026 airport budgets.

Roll Call

Yes: (5) Mr. Loreti, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

4. FY2026 & FY2027 Wages

The board members received a table and wage scales for the secretary and line staff for FY2026 and FY2027. A small discussion took place regarding the increases. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Lorensen to approve the FY2026 and FY2027 for the secretary and line staff.

Roll Call

Yes: (5) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Loreti, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

5. Mead & Hunt/LimnoTech EGLE Grant Agreement

Mr. Busch reaffirmed the need for the grant. Ms. Freeman explained that this grant is structured differently than the previous EGLE grants. The airport will owe an estimated ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for Mead & Hunt and LimnoTech's assistance in preparing the grant application. Once the grant is awarded, their efforts will be included in the grant. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen and supported by Mr. Loreti approving Mr. Busch's signature on the grant agreement.

Roll Call

Yes: (5) Mr. Matonich, Mr. Loreti, Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

Manager's Report

1. Mr. Busch updated that Bob Davis sold his airplane.
2. Two line staff members will be attending wildlife training on September 10th.
3. Mr. Busch was told that the airport must maintain a 1000' radius of no trees around the FAA's VOR. Airport staff are working to complete this requirement.

Approval of the Reports

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

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen, 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. Prepays & Credit Card – August 2025
 - b. Accounts Payable – September 2025
- 2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – August 2025**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Lorensen 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: (5) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Loreti, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

Other Matters

- 1. Propane bids need to be rebid for the October 13th meeting.
- 2. Mr. Busch followed up on Mr. Siirila's signature as County chairman for the ALP contract.

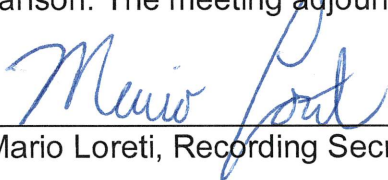
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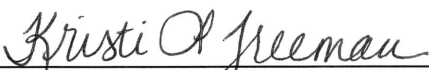
None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

10/14/2025
Date Approved


Mario Loreti, Recording Secretary


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