

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

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

December 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, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes

1. November 10, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorensen 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 along with discussing the meeting time under Other Matters.

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

None

New Business

Mr. Busch played a video of Jon Coleman requesting to change the airline schedule for two flights: MSP to IWD from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and IWD to ORD from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This change will alleviate delays and improve connectivity. Mr. Busch supports this change for connections and additional snow removal time and Mr. Olkonen for better on time performance. The board discussed concern over changing the time after a recent flight schedule change in November. Mr. Busch, Ms. Freeman and Mr. Olkonen are all in support of the change. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the proposed schedule change as presented.

Manager's Report

1. Mr. Busch stated that we moved a lot of snow over the Thanksgiving storm.
2. Toro is scheduled to begin operations on January 5th, and their new supervisor will be Jeff Pisco.
3. Mr. Busch discussed renting space for the airline's deice truck. The board said if it helps the airline keep business going then they support it.
4. Mr. Matonich asked about the runway closure over Thanksgiving and the jet left on the ramp.

Approval of the Reports

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

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Matonich 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. Credit Card – October 2025 & Prepaids – November 2025
 - b. Accounts Payable – December 2025
2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – November 2025**

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

Motion Carried

Other Matters

Mr. Lorensen requested that the meeting time be adjusted to 3:30 PM instead of 5:00 PM. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Matonich and carried by voice vote (Mr. Loreti abstained) to switch the board meeting time on the second Monday of the month to 3:30 PM starting in January. Mr. Loreti stated this will be his last meeting on the board as he has moved from Iron County to Gogebic County. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote for the manager, secretary and chairman to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Loreti.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

01/12/2026
Date Approved

James D. Lorensen
James Lorensen, Recording Secretary

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