

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

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

**January 12, 2026  
3:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Mr. Hanson.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

**Present: (5) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Matonich, Mr. Mullard, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson**

**Absent: (0) None**

**Others Present:** Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, Megan Hughes

**Hearings**

1. Select Chairperson

The floor opened for Chairman nominations. Mr. Siirila proposed it switch to Gogebic County. Mr. Siirila with the support of Mr. Lorensen nominated Mr. Matonich. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Matonich as Chairman for the 2026 Airport Board.

2. Select Vice Chairperson

Chairman Matonich opened the floor for Vice Chairman nominations. Mr. Siirila with the support of Mr. Lorensen nominated Mr. Hanson. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Hanson as the Vice Chairman for the 2026 Airport Board.

3. Select Recording Secretary

Chairman Matonich opened the floor for Recording Secretary nominations. Mr. Siirila with the support of Mr. Matonich nominated Mr. Lorensen. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Mullard and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Lorensen as the Recording Secretary for the 2026 Airport Board.

4. Regular Meeting Dates

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to hold Airport Board meetings on the second Monday of every month at 3:30 P.M.

5. Parliamentary Procedures

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for Small Group Meetings allowing the chair to make motions and vote last.

**Approval of the Minutes**

- 1. December 8, 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. Mullard 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. Airport Layout Plan

Ms. Freeman stated that Stephanie Ward of Mead & Hunt plans to attend the February 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting as a kickoff, reviewing the plans and getting board member feedback. The board agreed that date works for her to present.

**Manager’s Report**

- 1. Mr. Busch stated the staff has been dealing with snow. He relayed just a few slight issues with the plow and broom.
- 2. Toro plans to begin operations on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with vendor supply issues for prototypes as the cause of the delay.

**Approval of the Reports**

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

**A motion** was made by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Hanson 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 – December 2025 & Credit Cards – November & December 2025
- b. Accounts Payable – January 2026

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried**

## 2. Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – December 2025

A motion was made by Mr. Lorenson and supported by Mr. Siirila to approve Appropriation 2 – Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report as presented and place on file.

### Other Matters

Mr. Siirila inquired about airline feedback regarding the schedule change. Specifically, Ms. Freeman and two board members spoke with a frustrated flyer on the MSP to IWD route who can no longer get here in one day with the new flight time even after the two-hour change from 10 AM to 12 PM. The flyer preferred the original MSP flight schedule. The board discussed we are all doing our best to accommodate both in and out flights at reasonable times. The board and airport were all in agreement that the flight times need to stay consistent for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Siirila inquired into Denver Air's check in counter at ORD.

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Matonich. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M

02/09/2026  
Date Approved

James A. Lorenson  
James Lorenson, Recording Secretary

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