

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

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

February 9, 2026
3:30 P.M.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Absent: (0) None

Others Present: Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, Logan Olkonen, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes

1. January 12, 2026 – Organizational & Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorenson 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. Hanson 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

Appearances

1. Stephanie Ward – Mead & Hunt, Aviation Planning Manager – ALP Presentation
Ms. Ward presented by phone, with a handout to follow, about the purpose of an ALP, and why we need one, along with the findings and tasks involved with it.

New Business

1. MDOT Contract #2026-0313 Acquire Snow Removal Equipment – Rotary Plow & Carrier Vehicle – Design

The board discussed the purpose and cost of the grant to design a new snowblower. The purchase will be under a separate contract. **A motion** was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize forwarding the grant to Gogebic County for the chairman's signature.

Manager's Report

1. Toro operators started on February 2nd and weather permitting will work through the end of March this season. Mr. Siirila is recommending operators wear safety vests.
2. Mr. Busch stated he had to order more deice totes due to the severity of weather this season.
3. Mr. Busch will be attending the MAAE Conference on February 18th and 19th in Lansing.

4. Mr. Busch said he will be installing an ADSB receiver in conjunction with the ALP. Mead & Hunt will pay for this service for two years as its included in the contract.

Approval of the Reports

1. Airline Performance Reports – January 2026
2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – January 2026
3. Outstanding Balances Report – January 2026
4. Aviation Fuel Report – January 2026

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. Prepaids – January 2026
 - b. Accounts Payable – February 2026
2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – 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 and Appropriation 2 – Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report as presented and place on file.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried

Other Matters

Mr. Siirila readdressed the ALP to which the board was in agreement to have Mr. Busch and Ms. Freeman work with Ms. Ward regarding the ALP and provide them with updates.

Mr. Olkonen said airline operations have been running smoothly while balancing weather and passengers are adjusting to the new schedule.

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 Matonich. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

03/09/2026
Date Approved

James A. Lorensen
James Lorensen, Recording Secretary

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