

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

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

**April 13, 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, Logan Olkonen, Megan Hughes, Tonya Ruhsenberger, James Perri

Approval of the Minutes

1. March 9, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Mullard 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. Tonya Ruhsenberger – Denver Air Connection, Communications Coordinator
Logan Olkonen began discussing the new flight time starting May 1st. Jon Coleman spoke over the phone regarding finding a good arrival and departure time for the airport. Discussion turned into a morning flight and Ironwood needing a hangar for that to happen. He stated if “Ironwood builds a hangar; we will overnight an aircraft.” Coleman suggested an increase to the Passenger Facility Charge. Tonya Ruhsenberger then introduced herself. She is willing to help with community events and will be here to promote the airline.

New Business

1. Hangar Cost Estimate

Mr. Busch provided an estimate of costs –

100x140 Insulated Building: \$380,000

Hangar Door: \$97,000

Site Work: \$70,000

Concrete: \$250,000

Building Setup: \$100,000

Total: \$897,000

Discussion continued to research funding sources and a wetland study.

2. Manager Pay – Annual Request

Mr. Busch requested his annual salary increase from \$65,000 to \$67,500.00. Discussion took place regarding a performance review and him providing a periodic report to share with county boards. **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Lorensen approving the salary increase proposed to the board.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried

Manager's Report

1. Toro is done.
2. New sinks in FBO bathrooms.
3. FAA Inspection is scheduled for May 11-13, 2026.
4. Courtesy car is being repaired after a deer collision.
5. Need to start annual repairs of facilities. Get a couple of estimates for the board to consider regarding hangar wall repairs.
6. Annual fire fighter training scheduled for May 18-19, 2026.
7. Look into mechanical toilets and faucets for terminal building to avoid conflict during power outages.

Approval of the Reports

1. Airline Performance Reports – March 2026
2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – March 2026
3. Outstanding Balances Report – March 2026
4. Aviation Fuel Report – March 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. Prepays – March 2026
 - b. Accounts Payable – April 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Lorensen and supported by Mr. Mullard to approve Appropriation 1 – Approval of the Claims & Accounts a & b.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried

2. Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – March 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approved Appropriation 2 – Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report as presented and place on file.

Other Matters

None

Public Comment

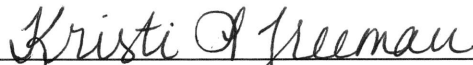
None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Hanson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Matonich. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

05/11/2026
Date Approved


James Lorenson, Recording Secretary


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