

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

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

**May 11, 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: (4) Mr. Finco, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Matonich

Absent: (1) Mr. Lorensen

Others Present: Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, Logan Olkonen, Sallie Holtz, Stephanie Matonich, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes

1. April 13, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Hanson and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Finco abstained.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Mr. Olkonen of Denver Air presented each board member with a printout on flight destinations to consider during the EAS bidding process next year. A brief discussion took place regarding the choices of Chicago, Minneapolis and Detroit.

New Business

1. EGLE – Airport PFAS Response Activities Grant Agreement

Mr. Busch stated the grant agreement is ready for signature. This is the proposal we paid Mead & Hunt to prepare last summer for PFAS well monitoring and an ARFF truck cleanout. A discussion about PFAS activity took place. **A motion** was made by Mr. Hanson, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to forward to Gogebic County for the chair's signature.

Old Business

1. Hangar Cost Update

Mr. Busch received a quote from Angelo Luppino to install a prefabricated building for \$650,000 excluding HVAC, electrical and plumbing. The airport also supplies the garage door. Mr. Busch and Ms. Freeman are having a meeting with Lisa Hewitt on May 26th regarding funding opportunities.

Ms. Hughes arrived at 3:50.

Manager's Report

1. The line staff and Jeremy have ARFF training in Iron Mountain on May 18th and 19th.
2. The hamburger social for Ironwood is on June 4th.
3. The new flight schedule started on May 1st. No delays thus far.
4. The FAA inspection is starting tonight for the next three days.
5. Mr. Busch submitted two grant applications for ARFF SCBA gear and a generator for the terminal building.

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Finco and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the manager's report.

Approval of the Reports

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

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, 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 – April 2026
- b. Credit Cards – February & March 2026
- c. Accounts Payable – May 2026

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

Roll Call

Yes: (4) Mr. Siirila, Mr. Finco, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Matonich
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

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

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

Other Matters

Mr. Finco introduced himself as a new Iron County board member. He was a navy pilot and owns a plane hangered in Manitowish Waters.

Ms. Freeman stated she has a thank you letter drafted for Mr. Mullard's time on the Airport Board.

Mr. Siirila inquired about 100LL sales to the private sector.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Matonich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Chairman Matonich. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

06/08/2026
Date Approved

James Lorenson
James Lorenson, Recording Secretary

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