

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

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

**June 8, 2026
3:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Hanson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (3) Mr. Finco, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Siirila

Absent: (2) Mr. Lorensen, Mr. Matonich

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

Approval of the Minutes

1. May 11, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

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

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Finco 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

Old Business

1. Hangar Cost Update

Mr. Busch and Ms. Freeman had a meeting with Mrs. Hewitt to discuss hanger funding such as bonds, millage and higher appropriations. The primary focus on bonds and higher appropriations. Discussion continued about other communities funding sources, estimate of potential rent, heat and bond payments. With Mr. Coleman's departure, Mr. Busch reached out to Tonya Ruhsenberger for assurance of the hangar development; she stated, "This would definitely be an option if we had a hangar big enough, and advanced planning to change the schedule." Mr. Siirila requested the airport seek bond counsel for funding options.

Manager's Report

1. Mr. Busch stated that his FAA inspection is complete. He's already corrected three items with three remaining.
2. The hamburger social was June 4th with good food and a few planes flying in.
3. Mr. Busch just met with Jim Osterman for the skydiving event. They are working on logistics. The board asked several questions; specifically, staffing, spectators, legality with the FAA and proof of insurance.
4. Bids for the snowblower are due on June 26th.

Approval of the Reports

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

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Finco 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 – May 2026
- b. Credit Cards – April 2026
- c. Accounts Payable – June 2026

Mr. Siirila asked Ms. Freeman to seek better pricing packages with Spectrum.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Finco 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: (3) Mr. Siirila, Mr. Finco, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None

Motion Carried

Other Matters

Mr. Siirila asked Mr. Busch to reach out to Jay Kangas about purchasing the FBO driveway/parking lot owned by Ironwood Township.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hanson, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Vice-Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

07/13/2026
Date Approved

James D. Lorenson
James Lorenson, Recording Secretary

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