Gogebic-Iron County Airport
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

July 13, 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: (4) **Mr. Finco, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Lorenson, Mr. Siirila**
Absent: (1) **Mr. Matonich**
Others Present: Jeremy Busch, Kristi Freeman, Logan Olkonen, Kris Darrow, Megan Hughes

Approval of the Minutes
1. June 8, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

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

Approval of the Agenda
A motion was made by Mr. Finco, 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)
None

Appearances
1. Joseph Colaianne, Peter Ecklund, Jr. of Clark Hill – Hangar Financing

The following attorneys from Clark Hill called in to the meeting to discuss upcoming steps if a bond is chosen for hangar financing. First, would be to hire a financial advisor and second a construction attorney. Mr. Siirila stated we are in the early stage and uncertain about the financial commitment. If the timeline for a hangar is spring of 2027, the process would need to begin now. Questions such as debt schedules, building authority and other financing options were also discussed. Clark Hill also stated they aren't paid until the bond is issued.
**Mr. Lorenson departed at 3:59 P.M.*

New Business
1. FY2027 Appropriations

Ms. Freeman inquired into the appropriations for the upcoming FY2027 budget. Mr. Siirila advised requesting higher appropriations if needed, and to await approval.

Manager's Report

1. Mr. Busch said the skydiving event ran smoothly, and we'd like to invite them back. Mr. Finco stated they were professional and the rate they charged was inexpensive. He recommended doing it again. It was asked for more advertising exposure next time.
2. Mr. Busch inquired with Mr. Kangas of Ironwood Township about the FBO driveway property as there is another interested party on the property. Mr. Kangas said he would discuss the property at their meeting, which is tonight at 5:00 P.M.
3. Mr. Busch said that two grants were approved for ARFF gear and a terminal backup generator.

Approval of the Reports

1. Airline Performance Reports – June 2026
2. Accounts Receivable Aging Summary – June 2026
3. Outstanding Balances Report – June 2026
4. Aviation Fuel Report – June 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. Prepaids – June 2026
   b. Credit Cards – May 2026
   c. Accounts Payable – July 2026

2. **Approval of the Revenue & Expenditure Report – June 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. Finco, Mr. Siirila, Mr. Hanson
No: (0) None
Motion Carried

Other Matters

Mr. Busch brought up the needed hangar repairs; most importantly hangar #2. Mr. Busch reached out to many contractors and did not receive calls back or hard no's for the project specifications. Mr. Koruga has said he can get the project started this summer with a base price of $20,000. There is $30,000 budgeted in capital outlay. Mr. Busch received a verbal approval to proceed.

Public Comment

Mr. Olkonen asked if the board had any questions for him. He stated airline operations are running well.

Adjournment
A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Finco and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting by the call of Vice-Chairman Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M.

08/10/2026
Date Approved

James A. Lorenson
James Lorenson, Recording Secretary

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