

# Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee

## Seneca County, New York

### Minutes of the September 12, 2012 Meeting

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Milt von Hahmann – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, Chris Fales – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Donald Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Steve Churchill – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor. Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Dr. Hunter Mollin, Paul Richardson, August Gillon, Peter Same, Vern Sessler, Jr.

Excused: Robert Pfeiff            Absent: Robert Skinner, Jeff Shipley

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. The minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting were accepted without revision.

#### **Airport Manager's Report:** by Milt von Hahmann

- The airport experienced a strong 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Activity during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year has eased off a little bit. Jet fuel sales are slightly less than the same time period in 2011, but sales of 100LL fuel are equal to 2011. The airport grosses approximately \$1.20 per gallon of jet fuel and \$.70 per gallon of 100LL.
- Other income sources include land lease payments, tie-downs and sales taxes.
- The maintenance shop, Finger Lakes Flying Service, remains very busy. Their hangar is in poor repair and they look forward to the possibility of leasing the hangar on the south end of the airport property once that sale is completed.
- The runway 19 PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) lights that were destroyed during the EFD show in 2010 have been installed and are operational.
- The airport continues to attract business jet traffic and corporate users.
- Milt gave a verbal explanation of the LPV approach that will soon be in operation for both runway 01 and 19. In a nutshell, our current GPS approach to runway 01 gives only lateral guidance. The new approaches will give both lateral and vertical guidance to aircraft that are properly equipped to receive the GPS signals to both runways 01 and 19 and will enable them to come down closer to the ground and to land in lower visibility than does the current GPS approach to runway 01. These approaches are satellite GPS based and do not require any ground-based buildings or equipment.

#### **Engineering Report:** by Chris Fales

- Please see attached document from McFarland Johnson.

#### **FLAPS Report:** by Dr. Hunter Mollin

- FLAPS and the Waterloo Rotary Club held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fly-In Breakfast on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The event was successful and ran smoothly. Approximately 300 breakfasts were served and airplane and helicopter rides were given.
- FLAPS continues to train student pilots. Another student pilot earned his private license in August.

**County Review:** by Bill Bordeau and Don Earle

- Bill gave an update on the anticipated sale of Mr. McMann's hangar on Martin Road. The sale seems to be in a holding pattern. No new news.
- Don reported that ITT/Goulds Pumps would like to add additional manufacturing space to its Seneca Falls location and Seneca County has approved a CBDG grant for the company. Goulds anticipates hiring an additional 50 employees. Should this occur, there would be a trickle-down effect for most local business including the airport.
- Don attended the September 9<sup>th</sup> Fly-In Breakfast and stated that he was impressed with the turnout.

**Chamber of Commerce Review:** by Jeff Shipley

- Due to the absence of Jeff, there was no report.

**Old Business:**

- The planned airport tour for the Board of Supervisors was postponed. The Committee suggests that the next tour should occur when there is active construction at the airport.
- The BOS re-appointed Gerard Mirabito, Jr., Vern Sessler, Jr. and Dr. Kenneth Padgett to new three-year terms to expire 10/31/15.

**New Business:**

- The term of Steve Churchill is due to expire 12/31/12. The Committee recommends that his term be extended to 12/31/13.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8:03PM. The forth-quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7PM at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport terminal conference room.

Submitted by:

David Haimes  
Secretary