

Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee Seneca County, New York Minutes of the March 13, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Gerry Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Milt von Hahmann – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, William Verfuss – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Donald Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Vern Sessler, Jr., Robert Pfeiff, August Gillon, Paul Richardson

Absent: Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, Robert Skinner, Peter Same

Excused: Steven Churchill – Seneca Falls County Supervisor, Dr. Hunter Mollin, Dr. Kenneth Padgett

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the member in attendance. Minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting were accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by Milt von Hahmann

- Airport activity has been stable. There has been no airport closure due to snow this season.
- Fuel sales for year 2012 were the lowest in the past three years, but the 1st quarter of year 2013 showed fuel sales 20% higher than the 1st quarter of year 2012.
- The maintenance staff at Finger Lakes Flying Service have been very busy during the 1st quarter of 2013 and are still working out of their old hangar.
- The FAA sent an inspector last week to do an inspection of the facilities and airport grounds. The preliminary report is that there were no significant problems found.

Engineering Report: by William Verfuss

- Please see the attached document from McFarland Johnson Engineers

FLAPS Report: by David Haimes

- David Haimes was elected president of FLAPS. Dr. Hunter Mollin stayed on the Board of Directors as an “advisory” director and remains an active FLAPS member.
- Membership in the organization stayed stable from 2012 to 2013. The FLAPS aircraft just came out of an extensive maintenance inspection and is flying the skies over the Finger Lakes.
- FLAPS expects to team, once again, with the Waterloo Rotary Club to present the 3rd Annual Rotary/FLAPS Fly-In Breakfast in early September.

County Review: by Bill Bordeau and Don Earle

- Bill reported that the County's purchase of the McMann hangar is moving along. The process is slow, there being many administrative hurdles to overcome.
- Don reported on several issues that may impact the airport in a positive manner including sewer service from the Petro to the Outlet Mall on Route 318 that would

open this corridor to development and a new business slated to build a truck maintenance facility across from Seneca Meadows. The owner of that business is a pilot, based in the Chicago area, and flies his own Cessna Mustang, a small business jet. Milt noted that this aircraft has been into the airport several times and the pilot/owner is very pleased to have such a nice airport close to town.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- Jeff was absent this evening. There was no report.

Old Business: The airport tour for the Board of Supervisors will, most likely, be scheduled for September 2013 and may include other interested business leaders from the local area.

New Business: None

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8PM. The second quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7PM at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport terminal conference room.

Submitted by,

David Haimes
Secretary