

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING

**Members Present:** Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimés – Secretary, Milt von Hahmann – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, William Verfuss – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, Don Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Paul Richardson, Robert Pfeiff, Robert Skinner, Peter Same, Vern Sessler, Jr.

**Absent:** Steve Churchill – Seneca County Supervisor, Dr. Hunter Mollin

**Excused:** August Gillon

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting were accepted without revision.

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

- Sales of 100LL aviation fuel are down from the same time period last year, but sales of Jet fuel are much higher due to the EMS helicopter based at the airport and recent increase in corporate jet aircraft usage.
- The EMS helicopter has purchased about \$36,000 of Jet fuel in the past four months.
- Air Methods pays its monthly lease of \$3500 to Seneca County on time every month. In addition, the company spent about \$50,000 in the County outfitting its hangar with furniture and equipment. The company pays tax as it is a for-profit corporation. The employees are very happy to be here as they feel that, of the eleven New York bases, the base at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport is the most comfortable for the crews and has the best work environment for the mechanics and their staff of 14 full-time employees.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service remains in business providing aircraft maintenance services.

**Engineering Report:** by William Verfuss

- Please see the attached report from McFarland Johnson Engineers.

**FLAPS Report:** by David Haimés

- FLAPS and the Waterloo Rotary Club held a very successful Fly-In Breakfast on Saturday, Sept 7, 2014. There were 401 breakfast's served, 31 airplane rides and 16 helicopter rides given. The weather was perfect and there were many fly-in aircraft. The parking ramp was full of aircraft and there were many aircraft parked in the grass and between hangars.

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

- Don reported that some residents located east of the airport complained of drainage issues and blames the airport. Milt said drainage from the airport goes to the west, not the east.
- The County is developing a new website that will interface with tourism.
- County budget development is in progress. The new budget has gone through committee.
- Current airport manager, Milt von Hahmann, is going to retire at the end of this year, but may stay on part-time to assist the new person who will be appointed by the County.

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

- Jeff stated that he would like to get some new photographs of the airport for the Chamber's Website. He wants to make the airport more visible on the website.

**Old Business:**

- Bill Bordeau reported that the two Committee members whose terms are to expire on 9/30/14 have been re-appointed to new terms by the Board of Supervisors. Jeff Shipley and August Gillon will serve another three-year term and their new expiration date is 9/30/17.

**New Business:** None

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8PM. The fourth quarterly meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7PM at the airport terminal conference room.

Submitted by: David Haimés  
Secretary