

**FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING**

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Allen Staff – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, William Verfuss – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Don Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Robert Pfeiff, August Gillon, Vern Sessler, Jr., Paul Richardson, Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Dr. Hunter Mollin

Excused: Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, Milt von Hahmann

Absent: Robert Skinner, Peter Same

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7 PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting were accepted without revision.

**Airport Manager's Report:** by Allen Staff

- Allen reported robust fuel sales for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015. In the month of June, 2100 gallons of Jet-A and 1400 gallons of 100LL; in the month of July, 4000 gallons of Jet-A and 1900 gallons of 100LL; in the month of August, 2700 gallons of Jet-A and 1200 gallons of 100LL.
- The airport received the new Jet refueler truck and is keeping it parked next to the LifeNet hangar. The helicopter can refuel directly from the fuel truck and eliminate the need to reposition the helicopter to refuel. LifeNet purchased 2100 gallons of Jet-A fuel in the past month.
- The runway 01 PAPI lights that had been destroyed by an airplane have been repaired. The FAA needs to test-fly the light system before it can be put back in service.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service, after a slow winter season, is very busy again performing aircraft maintenance.
- The County has hired a part-time seasonal employee to help with mowing duties. This man works on weekends and has been very helpful in keeping the grass mowed.
- All hangars are full.

**Engineering Report:** by William Verfuss

- Please see the attached report from McFarland-Johnson Engineers.

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

- The Seneca County Board of Supervisors approved a \$210,000 grant for design work for airport apron rehabilitation and construction.
- The 2013 Villager Construction grant has been closed out.

**FLAPS Review:** by David Haimes

- The Fly-In breakfast co-sponsored by Finger Lakes Area Pilots and the Waterloo Rotary Club is scheduled for Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. A full breakfast will be offered as will airplane and helicopter rides.
- Another FLAPS member successfully earned his private pilot license in August, just one week prior to leaving for college.
- FLAPS members got together in July and made significant improvements to the FLAPS hangar door to include new straightening of the door frame, new weather-stripping and repair of the water line going in to the hangar. In August, the inside of the hangar door was insulated with spray-on insulation.

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

- Jeff was not at the meeting this evening due to a scheduling conflict.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- The terms of the following Committee members will expire on 10.31/15:  
Gerard Mirabito – Chairman                      Don Earle  
Vern Sessler, Jr.                                      Dr. Kenneth Padgett  
Bill Bordeau    Peter Same

Mr. Same was not at the meeting this evening, but the other members expressed a desire to continue on the Committee for another three-year term to expire 9/30/18. Bill Bordeau will bring their names before the Board of Supervisors and will contact Mr. Same to see if he wants to continue on the Committee.

The Committee is allowed to have 15 members. At this time, there are 14 members. Secretary Haimes recommended Earl Martin join the Committee. Mr. Martin is the owner and operator of Seneca Iron Works in Seneca Falls. He is a licensed pilot and aircraft owner based at the airport where he owns a hangar. Mr. Martin has a business background and is very interested in the continuing development of the airport. Mr. Haimes will contact Mr. Martin and will inform Bill Bordeau if Mr. Martin would like to serve.

- Chairman Mirabito said he was driving in to the airport a few weeks ago following a fuel delivery tanker. He followed the tanker truck to the place where the crop dusting operation is based. The tanker truck delivered a supply of 100LL to the spray operation. This is not acceptable. All airport tenants have agreed to purchase their fuel from the County when they buy fuel at Finger Lakes Regional Airport. The Committee is strongly against “Thru-the-fence” operations at the airport. It is not in the best long-term interest of the airport or the County to allow such activity.

Bill Bordeau will ask Frank Fisher, the County attorney, to send a letter to the owner/operator of the agricultural spray plane telling him that he may not purchase and tank his own fuel. He must buy his fuel from Seneca County.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8 PM. The forth-quarterly meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7 PM at the airport.

Submitted by:

David Haimes  
Secretary