

**FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2016 MEETING**

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Allen Staff – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, James Dolan – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Hunter Mollin, Peter Same, August Gillon, Milt von Hahmann, Earl Martin

Excused: Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Paul Richardson, Vern Sessler, Jr. and Robert Pfeiff

Absent: Don Earle and Lee Davidson – Supervisor Town of Lodi

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting without revision was made by Bill Bordeau and seconded by Peter Same. Motion passed unanimously.

Gerry introduced Earl Martin who is the new member of the Committee replacing Robert Skinner who has resigned after many years of service. Earl is a licensed pilot who learned to fly at Finger Lakes Regional Airport and owns an aircraft that is hangared at the airport. He lives in Seneca Falls, owns Seneca Iron Works and is very interested in the on-going development of the airport.

Airport Manager's Report: by Allen Staff

- Fuel sales are up in the first quarter of 2016 compared to the same quarter in 2015. Air Methods purchased over \$9,900 of Jet-A fuel in the first quarter 2016.
- Allen has assisted Air Methods by installing three electric boxes and a fire extinguisher in their hangar and he has adjusted their hangar door.
- The Seneca County Code Enforcement denied construction of the lean-to that was proposed to house the fuel truck.
- The FAA is scheduled to test-fly the PAPI system on March 10, 2016.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service is very busy repairing aircraft.
- The terminal front door was damaged by jet blast from a corporate aircraft, as were some of the ceiling tiles and signs attached to the front of the terminal building. Repairs have been made.

Engineering Report: by James Dolan

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

County Review: by Bill Bordeau

- The new County Supervisor on the Committee is Lee Davidson of the Town of Lodi who replaces Don Earle, the former Seneca Falls Town Supervisor.

FLAPS Report: by David Haimes

- FLAPS had a relatively slow winter season as usual, but flying has picked up in the last few weeks.
- There was one new student start in February.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- Jeff reported that the updated Seneca County Travel Guide is under development and the airport will be listed in the guide.
- Discussion took place regarding possible marketing of the airport in view of the del Lago Casino development. It is still early, but Jeff was optimistic that the casino would be attracting fly-in guests.

Old Business:

- Bill Bordeau reported that the County Attorney is working on a new lease agreement with the agricultural spray operator that will specify that no “thru-the-fence” operations will be permitted. The spray operator will be required to purchase aviation fuel from Seneca County.

New Business

- Allen Staff reported that the airport in West Bloomfield NY is closing and FLRA is getting at least two of their based aircraft on an interim basis. One of the aircraft owners from West Bloomfield wants a hangar for his plane, but there is no open hangar space at FLRA at this time.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8 PM. The second quarterly meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7 PM at the airport.

Submitted by:

David Haimes
Secretary