

# Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee Seneca County, New York Minutes of the June 13, 2012 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, Donald Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Paul Richardson, August Gillon, Vern Sessler, Jr., Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Paul Richardson, August Gillon, Peter Same

Excused: Robert Pfeiff      Absent: Robert Skinner, Dr. Hunter Mollin

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. The minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were accepted without revision.

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

- Fuel Sales: Steady. Milt reported that three weeks ago, there was a period of time where the airport saw an average of one jet business operation a day with an increase in Jet A fuel sales to go along with the increased activity. A company called Net Jets was in with a Lear 40. This is a very fast business jet that holds much fuel. This company has phoned Milt to tell him that this aircraft will be in again in a few days and may be in on a regular basis. This is good for the airport, but brings up a problem. This type of aircraft is normally fueled from a single-point, under-wing fuel port. FLRA does not have the type of equipment required to single-point fuel an aircraft so this aircraft must be fueled over-wing. It is a fact that some corporate jets can't be fueled over-wing. Those aircraft would not be able to get fuel at FLRA. The necessary equipment to single-point fuel is not on our radar at this time.
- The FAA is working to provide FLRA with an LPV approach. This type of instrument approach would enable aircraft to make approaches to the airport as low as 250 feet above the ground and would service both runway 19 and runway 01. Our current GPS approach to runway 01 is working, but the minimums are much higher.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service remains busy doing aircraft maintenance in their old hangar.

## **Engineering Report:** by William Verfuss

- Please see attached consultants update.

## **FLAPS Report:** by David Haimés

- There are now six active student pilots. One student pilot passed his Private Pilot flight test just last week. He has purchased an aircraft and is currently keeping it in a hangar on the airport. Two other student pilots have passed their Private Pilot written examinations.

- FLAPS and the Waterloo Rotary Club are jointly sponsoring a FLY-IN Breakfast on Sunday, September 9, 2012. Airplane and helicopter rides will be sold along with a great breakfast. Advertising will go out to the Internet soon, the local community calendars and eventually to print advertising as the event draws near.

**County Review:** by Bill Bordeau

- Bill reported that the County BOS has approved all motions regarding the airport that have been recommended to this point. The BOS approved \$350,000 to purchase surrounding land for airport expansion and drainage issues.

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

- The airport has been added to the County Travel Guide and 100,000 copies of that publication have been sent to states within 500 miles of this region. The Chamber is developing an economic development packet that will feature the airport.
- Jeff suggested that the airport might benefit from having its own Website. Jeff will investigate this possibility. He estimated that the monthly cost of such could be in the \$30 to \$80 per month range.

**Old Business:**

- The Committee would like to hold another Airport Tour for County BOS and area business leaders. The plan is to do this on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 10AM. The Committee will hold its September meeting the same morning at 8:30AM and the airport tour will follow after the business meeting. It is hoped that by that time, there will be some active improvement work underway at the airport.

**New Business:**

- Three Committee members are due for re-appointment by the BOS when their three-year terms expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Gerard Mirabito, Vern Sessler and Dr. Kenneth Padgett indicated that they wish to continue serving on this Committee. A motion was made by August Gillon and seconded by David Haimes as follows:  
**Motion: This Committee advises the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Gerard Mirabito, Vern Sessler, Jr., and Dr. Kenneth Padgett to a new three-year term on the Committee to expire October 31, 2015.**  
 The motion was approved unanimously by the members. Bill Bordeau will bring this motion before the BOS at an upcoming meeting.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8:20PM. The third quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 8:30AM** at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport terminal conference room.

Submitted by:

David Haimes

Secretary

**NOTE: THE SEPT 2012 MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WED, SEPT 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM AT THE AIRPORT (NOT ON SAT, SEPT 22<sup>ND</sup>).**