

Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee

Seneca County, New York

Minutes of the December 12, 2012 Meeting

Member Present: Gerard 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, Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, Peter Same, Vern Sessler, Jr., Robert Skinner, Robert Pfeiff, Paul Richardson, August Gillon. Excused: Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Steven Churchill – SF County Supervisor

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. The minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by Milt von Hahmann

- Fuel sales continue at a normal pace. Milt said the airport sells between 25,000 to 28,000 gallons of aviation fuel on a yearly basis and he is usually surprised when the totals come out so close year-to-year.
- The maintenance shop, Finger Lakes Flying Service, remains busy working out of their old maintenance hangar.
- The new Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) light system that was replaced after it was destroyed during the 2010 EFD show are operational and were test-flown by the FAA today and given its approval.
- At the September meeting of the Committee, Milt gave a verbal explanation of the LPV approach that will, someday, be in operation at the airport. We are still waiting for that approach.

Engineering Report: by William Verfuss

- Please see the attached document from McFarland Johnson.

FLAPS Report: by David Haimes

- FLAPS continues to train student pilots. In November, one of our student pilots “soloed” on his 16th birthday. Age 16 is the youngest age that the FAA will allow a student to fly solo.
- Hunter Mollin, the current president of FLAPS is stepping down from that office. The new president will be David Haimes. Hunter will remain on the Board as an advisor to the Board.

County Review: by Bill Bordeau and Donald Earle

- The Board of Supervisors has approved the purchase of Mr. Donald McMann's hangar on Martin Road. This hangar will be purchased with a \$300,000 grant from the NYSDOT and \$54,000 from Seneca County. The hangar will be the new home of the aircraft maintenance facility. The building needs some upgrades to its heating system and a complete inventory needs to be made of the premises. Bill said to expect a closing date in the mid spring 2013.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- Jeff showed the Committee a new brochure published by the Chamber that does feature a photograph of the airport. He stated that he would like to get some better photos to be published in the next edition.

Old Business:

- The planned airport tour for the Board of Supervisors that was postponed may be scheduled for June 2013. We would schedule our June meeting on a Saturday to allow the Supervisors an opportunity to visit the airport and to see the new maintenance hangar when it is operational. Exact date and time to be decided.

New Business:

- Jeff Shipley showed a short video of a pilot's-eye view of a landing at the airport that was produced by Dr. Hunter Mollin and placed on "YouTube". The committee members found this very interesting.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 7:35PM. The first quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7PM at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport terminal conference room.

Submitted by,

David Haines
Secretary