

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2014 MEETING

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Milt von Hahmann – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, Jim Dolan – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, August Gillon, Paul Richardson, Robert Pfeiff, Vern Sessler, Jr., Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Dr. Hunter Mollin.

Excused: Steve Churchill – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor.

Absent: Don Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Peter Same, Robert Skinner

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting were accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by Milt von Hahmann

- Airport activity has improved with the springtime weather and the new EMS helicopter based at the airport. Air Methods, Inc. began flying in May 2014 and is operating as Life Flight at the airport. Air Methods is a national corporation with 400 EMS helicopters operating throughout the US. The company provides emergency medical air transportation to area trauma centers and is dispatched by the E-911 centers in Seneca County and surrounding counties. Air Methods is paying a monthly lease payment of \$3500.00 to Seneca County for the hangar located on the south end of the airport on Martin Road and have signed a three-year lease agreement. In addition, they are purchasing their jet fuel at the airport and they have already paid \$9500.00 for jet fuel (more than 2000 gallons) since beginning operations. In addition, they have paid over \$13,000 to local businesses for equipment and supplies for their building. They employ 14 full-time people.
- Milt reported increased jet traffic at the airport and an increase in jet fuel sales.
- Sales of 100LL aviation fuel has increased as the piston aircraft activity has become more active with the spring weather.
- The airport will be getting a fuel truck for dispensing Jet-A fuel.
- The airport is working to acquire new fuel pumps for the stationary fuel system.

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- Finger Lakes Flying Service remains busy doing aircraft maintenance.

Engineering Report: by Jim Dolan

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

FLAPS Report: by David Haimes

- FLAPS experienced a slow winter season, but flying has increased significantly during the spring. Two student pilots have earned their private pilot licenses in the past two months.
- FLAPS will co-sponsor the 4th Annual Fly-In Breakfast with the Waterloo Rotary Club on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 8AM to 12 noon. There will be airplane and helicopter rides in addition to a very good breakfast.

County Review: by Bill Bordeau

- Bill reported that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approved a grant for a new snowplow for the airport.
- The increase in jet fuel sales at the airport may positively influence the proposed runway extension as the FAA looks at fuel sales as an indicator of expansion needs.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- The 2014 Official Travel Guide to Seneca County has been published. The airport is featured on a foldout map at the front of the booklet and there is an advertisement for the airport and for FLAPS on page 12.
- The Chamber will write a letter of support for the airport fuel truck.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The three-year terms of Committee members Jeff Shipley and August Gillon are due to expire on 9/30/14. Both would like to continue to serve on this committee. The following motion was made by Paul Richardson and seconded by Dr. Kenneth Padgett:

The Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee recommends the Seneca County Board of Supervisors reappoint Jeff Shipley and August Gillon to a three-year term of service on the Committee to expire 9/30/17.

The motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

- Bill Bordeau announced that Air Methods will host an invitation only tour of their facility on Saturday, July 19, 2014 and that the Board of Supervisors and the FLRA Advisory Committee will be invited to this event.

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

Submitted by:

David Haines
Secretary