

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2014 MEETING

Note: The March 2014 meeting was rescheduled from March 12, 2014 due to inclement weather on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, William Verfuss – McFarland Johnson Engineers, August Gillon, Robert Pfeiff, Paul Richardson, Vern Sessler, Jr.

Absent: Dr. Hunter Mollin, Donald Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Steve Churchill – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Peter Same, Robert Skinner

Excused: Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Milt von Hahmann – Airport Manager, Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting were accepted without revision.

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

In Mr. von Hahmann's absence, Mr. Haimes provided the report.

- Airport activity has been slow in the winter months as usual. There was quite a lot of snow this winter, but plowing of runway and ramp areas was done on a timely basis and at no time was the airport closed to traffic.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service continues to be busy providing aircraft maintenance services on the airport.

**Engineering Report:** by William Verfuss

- Please see the attached engineering report from McFarland Johnson Engineers

**FLAPS Report:** by David Haimes

- FLAPS experienced a slow winter season. Now that the weather is starting to improve, there has been more flying activity.
- FLAPS is planning another Fly-In Breakfast, co-sponsoring the event with the Waterloo Rotary Club. The date set is Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 8AM to 12 Noon.

**County Review:** by Bill Bordeau

- Seneca County purchased the McMann hangar on 12/31/13. Seneca County code enforcement inspected the property on 2/19/14 and found multiple items needing corrective action. Those items are now being remedied and the building will be up to code.

**Chamber of Commerce Review:** by August Gillon

- The airport will be on the map in the 2014 edition of the Seneca County Official Travel Guide and there will be a small advertisement for the airport in that publication.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Bill Bordeau brought the Committee members up to date on the proposed lease of the former McMann hangar to Air Methods and presented several options to the Committee on lease of the hangar. There were questions asked and answers given. The Committee made the following resolution to the Seneca County Board of Supervisors:

Motion by Robert Pfeiff, seconded by Paul Richardson

**The Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors sign an agreement with Air Methods to lease the former McMann hangar for \$3500 per month or \$42,000 per year for a period of three years with the option for two more years. Air Methods will not be able to sublease any of the facility. Air Methods will purchase all their fuel from the Finger Lakes Regional Airport.**

The above motion and resolution was unanimously approved by the membership.

- Bill Bordeau discussed the lease of farmland to Lott Farms. The Committee made the following resolution to the Seneca County Board of Supervisors:

Motion by August Gillon, seconded by Robert Pfeiff

**The Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee recommends that Seneca County lease the approximately 25 acres of farmland not currently being used by the airport to Lott Farms at a set price for 10 years. If the need arises, the County may adjust the lease if the land is needed for airport use.**

The above motion and resolution was unanimously approved by the membership.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 8PM. The second quarterly meeting of the Committee will be in June 2014, on a Saturday morning at 10AM, at the airport. The Seneca County Board of Supervisors will be invited to this meeting to tour the airport. The exact date will be determined and all Committee members and the Board of Supervisors will be notified of the date.

Submitted by:

David Haimes  
Secretary