

Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee Seneca County, New York Minutes of the September 11, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Milt von Hahmann – Airport Manager, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, William Verfuss & James Dolan – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Donald Earle – Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Jeff Shipley – Executive Director Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Vern Sessler, Jr., Peter Same, Paul Richardson, August Gillon, Robert Pfeiff

Excused: Dr. Hunter Mollin & Robert Skinner

Absent: Steve Churchill – Seneca Falls County Supervisor

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting were accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by Milt von Hahmann

- Milt reported strong fuel sales in the past quarter. He said that the airport has sold as much fuel from January 1st to now as it did for the entire year 2012, but fuel sales typically slow from now to the end of the year as the weather gets colder.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service, the FBO, remains busy with aircraft maintenance.
- The airport terminal building now has wi-fi. The County plans to install a new computer in the flight planning room so pilots can access weather. The DTN Weather computer system will eventually be removed, saving the County about \$1600 per year in subscription costs.
- President Obama's helicopter recently spent the night in the airport SRE building guarded by a group of US Marines. The government did purchase fuel for the helicopter and paid an overnight storage charge.

Engineering Report: by Bill Verfuss

- Please see the attached document from McFarland Johnson Engineers.
- Bill introduced James Dolan to the Committee. James is a Project Manager with McFarland Johnson.

FLAPS Report: by David Haimes

- On September 8, 2013, FLAPS co-sponsored a Fly-In Breakfast with the Waterloo Rotary Club. Breakfast was served to about 230 people and many people took helicopter and airplane rides despite a cloudy start to the morning's activities.
- FLAPS continues to teach people to fly and its aircraft is kept very busy.

Marketing Review: by Bill Bordeau

- Bill reported that the County closed on the Van Tassel property adjacent to the airport. The buildings on that property will be torn down.

County Review: by Donald Earle

- The Board of Supervisors has approved the new three-year re-appointment of the following people to the Committee: David Haines, Robert Pfeiff, Robert Skinner, Dr. Hunter Mollin and Paul Richardson.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- Jeff said there was a nice article about Seneca County properties in USA Today last week.
- The Chamber will begin 2014 programming and the Finger Lakes Regional Airport will be on published Seneca County maps and Websites.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 7:50PM. The fourth quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7PM at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport terminal conference room.

Submitted by:

David Haines
Secretary