

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 MEETING

Members Present: Gerard Mirabito, Jr. – Chairman, David Haimes – Secretary, Bill Bordeau – Planning & Community Development, Allen Staff – Airport Manager, Scott Berend – McFarland Johnson Engineers, Dr. Ken Padgett, Dr. Hunter Mollin, August Gillon, Don Earle, Peter Same, Robert Pfeiff, Earl Martin, Vern Sessler, Jr., Lee Davidson – Supervisor - Town of Lodi
Absent: Milt von Hahmann, Jeff Shipley

Chairman Mirabito opened the meeting at 7 PM and welcomed the members in attendance. Minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting were accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by Allen Staff

- Allen reported brisk airport activity in the 3rd quarter of the year with 31 jet aircraft operations and 450 piston operations.
- Fuel sales 3rd quarter: 9062 gallons of jet fuel sold. 5400 gallons of 100 LL aviation fuel sold. Of the 9062 gallons of jet fuel sold, the Life Net Helicopter purchased 5400 gallons. The pump price of 100 LL avgas was lowered from \$5.11 per gallon to \$4.40 per gallon as a result of lower purchase price and to keep the airport in line with neighboring airports. The price of jet fuel is \$3.75 per gallon.
- The airport is getting a new jet fuel pump that will be able to pump nearly 3 times as fast as the current pump. The new pump requires more electric power. The trenching for the new power lines is complete. The new jet fuel pump should be installed in October.
- The new enclosed lean-to for the new snowplow truck and its winged plow has been constructed on the west side of the SRE building. The new truck and plow are on schedule for delivery in October.
- Finger Lakes Flying Service continues to be very busy. Owner Don McAnn recently hired another person to help with the mechanical work. The man hired is a former US Army helicopter mechanic and crew chief who will be working with FLFS towards his "civilian" airframe and power plant mechanics certificate.

Engineering Report: by Scott Berend (substituting for James Dolan)

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

County Review: by Bill Bordeau

- Bill reported that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has approved the three-year re-appointment of Dr. Hunter Mollin, Robert Pfeiff and David Haimes to the Committee. Their new date of service will end 9/30/19.

FLAPS Review: by David Haimes

- FLAPS and the Waterloo Rotary Club co-sponsored the 6th Annual Fly-In Breakfast on Sunday, September 11, 2016. About 330 breakfasts were served. Area first responders from the Waterloo and Seneca Falls fire departments, North Seneca Ambulance, Seneca Falls police department and the Seneca County Sheriff's Department were fed for free as part of this September 11th day event. Helicopter rides were given to 20 people and airplane rides to 10 on this sunny, but very windy day. The Life Net Helicopter repositioned to the airport ramp and received many curious visitors.
- FLAPS is currently working with the County to make a "courtesy car" available to visiting pilots. FLAPS would purchase the vehicle from the County. The County would pay for the vehicle insurance and maintenance. Airport employees would sign out the vehicle to visiting pilots.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- There was no review this evening because Jeff Shipley could not attend. However, Allen Staff told the group that the 2016 Official Visitor Guide to Seneca County has been a valuable tool for visiting pilots and passengers to the airport. Visitors have used this publication to pick overnight accommodations and restaurants to visit for their stays in the area.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Committee member Paul Richardson died suddenly recently. His contribution to this Committee will be missed. His death creates a vacancy on the Committee that will not be filled at this time.

Chairman Mirabito closed the meeting at 7:45 PM. The forth-quarterly meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7 PM at the airport.

Submitted by:

David Haimes
Secretary