

**FINGER LAKES REGIONAL
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2021 MEETING**

Members Present: Craig Saxton, Chairperson; David Haimes, Airport Manager; Don Earle, Secretary; Mike Ferrara, August Gillon, Vern Sessler, Earl Martin, Jeff Shipley, Robert Pfeiff

Excused: Jill Henry, Director of Seneca County Planning & Community Development; Dr. Kenneth Padgett, Peter Same

Absent: Hunter Mollin, Nelson Ronsvalle

Guests: Mitch Rowe, County Manager; William Verfuss, McFarland Johnson Engineers

Chairman Craig Saxton opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting. Minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were moved by Mike Ferrara, seconded by Earl Martin, and accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by David Haimes

Please see the attached report for details.

Items covered in Manager's Report include:

- Airport Activity
- Fuel Sales and Purchases
- FBO Activity
- Car rental through Eagle Auto and Enterprise. The feedback has been positive.
- Equipment Storage
- The snow plowing season has come to an end.
- The flying club is becoming more active.
- Craig Saxton repaired the Runway End Identifier Light.

Engineering Review:

Please see the attached review.

Additional comments made:

- The South Apron is still under warranty, within the budget, and on schedule.
- Due to issues with equipment, the fuel farm project is to begin in June or July.
- Project funding for the Master Plan has been delayed a year.
- New Covid relief funding includes money for August grant applications.
- Future project to include pursuing our Master Plan near 2022.

FLAPS Review: by David Haimes
Several new members have joined FLAPS.

County Review: by David Haimes
No additional information to discuss.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- The tourism guide was voted best in NYS.
- The Chamber is working on utilizing Digital Ad Marketing through google.
- Jeff will work to include more airport items in the tourism guide.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Spectrum has extended high speed internet down Martin Road. High speed internet would greatly benefit the new equipment at the Airport. Dave will check with the County IT department. It was mentioned that the cost to run fiber through Spectrum would be \$19,000 and most likely more to run it to the SRE building. Mike Ferrara suggested checking with Community Broadcast Network (CBN). Mike stated that the town of Seneca Falls saved a considerable amount of money by using CBN. Mitch Rowe will look into this.

The meeting was closed at 7:53 PM. The motion was made by August Gillon and seconded by Mike Ferrara.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7 PM. It will be held at the main terminal.

Submitted by:
Don Earle – Secretary