

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE Sept. 8, 2021, MEETING

Members Present: David Haimes, Airport Manager; Don Earle, Secretary; August Gillon; Vern Sessler; Earl Martin; Dr. Kenneth Padgett; Peter Same; Hunter Mollin; Nelson Ronsvalle

Excused: Jill Henry

Absent: Robert Pfeiff, Jeff Shipley, Michael Ferrara, Craig Saxton

Guests: Mitch Rowe, County Manager; William Verfuss, McFarland Johnson Engineer; Matt Donnelly

Chairman Earl Martin opened the meeting at 7:16 PM. The meeting was held at the airport terminal building.

Minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting were moved by August Gillon, seconded by Peter Same, and accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by David Haimes
Please see attached report for details.

Items covered in Manager's report include:

- Airport Activity
- Fuel Sales and Purchases
- FBO Activity
- Car Rental is going well with both Eagle Auto and Enterprise.
- Equipment Storage
- **Other:**
 - Air conditioning in mower is down
 - Mr. Rowe gave an update on the new fuel truck. On 9/14/21, the County BOS are expected to pass the resolution to purchase the Beta truck. Shipment is expected within 2 months.
 - A flying club plane suffered a mishap and lost control. No injuries occurred and damage was limited to the plane and a runway light. Incident was reported to the FAA as an occurrence, which is the lowest to report.
 - DOT inspections were in August. DOT recommended that site balls be placed on cable line off of the airport. Mr. Haimes mentioned that the trees were more of an issue than the cable line; however, the trees are part of an adjacent property.

Engineering Review: See Attached

- The new proposed hangar needs to be re-bid due to high steel prices. The total budget is \$800,000 with 10% match from County funds.
- Fuel farm project set to begin on 10/1/21 with a potential completion date in late December 2021. High speed internet has been added to the grant project.

FLAPS Review: by David Haimes

The Waterloo Rotary breakfast was held this past weekend. Unfortunately, it was during rainy weather.

County Review: by Mitch Rowe

The 2022 County budget is coming together with minimal changes from previous years.

Chamber of Commerce Review:

- Mr. Rowe reported that One Seneca meets every Thursday to discuss the Seneca County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Rowe will share the link to these meetings.
- Mr. Rowe stated that runway extension may have some funds from the \$6.6 million grant. He will further investigate.

Old Business:

- Striping should be included in the budget for 2022.
- The existing, privately-owned hangar is for sale. The County has paid for an appraisal and it is undecided whether the County will purchase it or build a new one. Mr. Verfuss suggested that the County revisit the idea of purchasing it and Mr. Rowe believes that it may be feasible. Mr. Martin stated that one-half of the hangar is occupied by the airport mechanic. This is a concern as having an on-site mechanic is essential for airport operations. Mr. Nelson made a motion for the committee to recommend that the County purchases the hangar rather than build new. Mr. Mollin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business: None

The meeting was closed at 8:32 PM. The motion was made by Mr. Haimes and seconded by Mr. Martin.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7 PM at the airport terminal.

Submitted by: Don Earle, Secretary