

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING

Members Present: Earl Martin, Committee Chairman; David Haines, Airport Manager; Don Earle, Secretary; Jill Henry, Director of Seneca County Planning & Community Development; Peter Same; Jeff Shipley; Robert Shipley; Hunter Mollin, August Gillon

Excused: Dr. Kenneth Padgett; Vern Sessler, Jr; Nelson Ronsvalle

Guests: Mitch Rowe, Seneca County Manager; William Verfuss, McFarland Johnson Engineer; John King, Steve Cannistra

Chairman Earl Martin opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at the airport terminal building.

Minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting were moved by Peter Same, seconded by Robert Shipley, and accepted without revision.

Airport Manager's Report: by David Haines

Please see attached report for details.

Items covered in Manager's report include:

- Airport Activity: Pump skids are here and being installed.
- Fuel Sales and Purchases
- FBO Activity

FLAPS Review: by David Haines

- All is going well with the flying club.
- There is a plan in place to have FAA put on a seminar at FLRA for area pilots on January 18, 2023.

Engineering Review: Presented by Mr. Verfuss

- FAA has given preliminary approval for FLRA to submit a Master Plan Update grant application in early 2023.
- Dave Carlin (FAA) will now oversee FLRA projects.
- Churchill Downs now owns del Lago; Robert Shipley will inquire about their planes and support for FLRA
- A T-hangar building as a project has good earning back potential. County BOS to approve an application to go out in January 2023; AAC committee supports the NYSDOT grant application and whereas Earl Martin made the motion, Robert Shipley seconded it, and all members were in favor.

County Review: by Jill Henry

- Mitch Rowe, Robert Shipley, and Jill Henry to work together on potential courtesy car.
- The airport website has some dated information.

Chamber of Commerce Review: by Jeff Shipley

- Tourism appears to be growing while Covid cases drop
- It has been a record year of income for tourism
- Tourism goals for coming year:
 - To increase the distance people come from to our area
 - Increase stays to overnight
 - To have more repeat visitors

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Mr. Haimes is interested in acquiring internet service (WIFI) for other areas on airport property; Jill will inquire about this with the IT Department.
- Mr. Haimes expressed the need for a camera system to monitor the fueling of airplanes.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the airport terminal.

The meeting was closed at 8:13 PM with a motion by Earl Martin and seconded by David Haimes.

Submitted by: Don Earle, Secretary