

## MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Lansing, Michigan

April 9, 2020

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Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945 and Executive Directive 2020-02, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission met via conference call, on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

### Members Present

Roger Salo, Chair  
Rick Fiddler, Vice Chair  
Dr. Brian Smith, Commissioner  
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner  
Kelly Burris, Commissioner  
Laura Mester, Designee - MDOT  
Kevin Jacobs, Designee – MDNR  
F/Lt. Brian Bahlau, Designee – MSP  
Mike Trout, Director  
Bryan Budds, Commission Advisor  
Alicia Morrison, Senior Executive Assistant

### Members Absent

Brig. Gen. Bryan Teff, Designee – MDMVA

## I. OPENING REMARKS

Director Mike Trout began by explaining the meeting was being held today via conference call in accordance with Executive Directive 2020-02, enacted to allow teleconference public meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He welcomed all who were participating and asked for their patience while navigating through the meeting via phone. Director Trout stated the primary purpose of the meeting was to address and vote on key business items. He noted he would not be giving his normal Director's Report, however, wanted to acknowledge the Office of Aeronautics staff who were continuing to conduct essential Aeronautics business functions while working remotely. He also thanked the Commissioners for adapting and encouraged anyone with questions to visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus). Director Trout then turned the meeting over to Chairperson Roger Salo.

The April 9, 2020 Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC) meeting was officially called to order by Chair Roger Salo at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Salo thanked the Commissioners and all in attendance on the call for participating via telephone. He noted the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the airline industry, stating nearly 50 percent of the United States air fleet is currently parked.

Chair Salo asked for a formal roll call. Roll call was taken. It was announced there were 8 Commissioners present, which is a quorum.



## II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

### A. Minutes of the January 30, 2020 Meeting

Chair Salo asked if there were any revisions to the minutes of the meeting held on January 30, 2020. There were none. He entertained a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Commissioner Rick Fiddler and seconded by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna to approve the minutes as presented. A majority roll call vote was conducted. **All voted in favor. Chair Salo announced the motion is carried.**

### B. Request for Approval and Transfer of Appropriated Funds

Alissa VanHoof presented the Air Service Program Grants (Airport Awareness, Capital Improvement and Equipment, and Air Carrier Recruitment and Retention) and Airport Sponsor Contracts.

#### **Air Service Program Grants (Airport Awareness, Capital Improvement and Equipment, and Air Carrier Recruitment and Retention)**

1. Alpena County Regional Airport, Alpena
2. Willow Run Airport, Detroit
3. Delta County Airport, Escanaba
4. Houghton County Memorial Airport, Hancock
5. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain/Kingsford
6. Gogebic-Iron County Airport, Ironwood
7. Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport, Kalamazoo
8. Capital Region International Airport, Lansing
9. Manistee County Blacker Airport, Manistee
10. Sawyer International Airport, Marquette
11. Muskegon County Airport, Muskegon
12. MBS International Airport, Saginaw
13. Chippewa County International Airport, Sault Ste. Marie
14. Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City

#### **Airport Sponsor Contracts**

1. Padgham Field, Allegan
2. Charlevoix Municipal Airport, Charlevoix
3. Abrams Municipal Airport, Grand Ledge
4. Hillsdale Municipal Airport, Hillsdale



5. Hillsdale Municipal Airport, Hillsdale
6. Ionia County Airport, Ionia
7. Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda
8. Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda
9. Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda
10. Owosso Community Airport, Owosso
11. Paul C. Miller Airport, Sparta

Chair Salo asked if there were any further comments or questions. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve item Nos. 1-14 and item Nos. 1-11. The motion was moved by Commissioner Russ Kavalhuna and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Jacobs to approve the Air Service Program Grants and Airport Sponsor Contracts. A majority roll call vote was conducted. **All voted in favor. Chair Salo announced the motion carried.**

A complete list of contract descriptions can be viewed at [www.michigan.gov/aero](http://www.michigan.gov/aero) under the Commission tab.

#### C. **Brook Field, Marshall Loan Request**

Alissa VanHoof presented a request from Brook Field, Marshall, requesting a loan of \$100,000 to assist in the construction of a new terminal building. The Office of Aeronautics recommended approval.

Chair Salo asked if there were any further comments or questions. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the Brook Field, Marshall, loan request. The motion was moved by Commissioner Brian Smith and seconded by Commissioner Rick Fiddler to approve the loan request as presented. A majority roll call vote was conducted. **All voted in favor. Chair Salo announced the motion carried.**

### III. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Chair Salo asked if any Commissioner would like to make a comment.

Commissioner Kavalhuna made comments regarding the sudden passing of former Michigan Department of Transportation's Attorney General David Brickey. Commissioner Kavalhuna stated his condolences for Mr. Brickey's family and co-workers and stated his appreciation for Mr. Brickey's work with the MAC.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked the staff at the Office of Aeronautics for their assistance on a project in Roscommon. He stated the staff was efficient and knowledgeable in their response and expressed his appreciation to all involved with the issue and resolution.



#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Salo asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. There were no public comments.

#### **CLOSING**

The next Michigan Aeronautics Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020, tentatively at the Office of Aeronautics, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan, or via virtual means pending any Executive Orders or further directives relating to COVID-19 in place at that time.

Chair Salo thanked the Commissioners, Office of Aeronautics staff, and the public for their participation today.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Roger Salo, Chairman

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Michael G. Trout, Director

