

Approved
Delta County Airport Advisory Board
February 27, 2007 Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Falcon, Bengry, Lantagne, Schomin, and Woodworth

ABSENT: Kwarciany and Schultz

OTHERS PRESENT: Manager Ness, and Asst. Manager Smith

II. ELECTION of CHAIRMAN: Moved by Lantagne and supported by Schomin to nominate Michael Falcon for Chairman for 2007. MOTION CARRIED

III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Moved by Bengry and supported by Schomin to nominate Brent Lantagne as Vice Chairman for 2007. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Woodworth and supported by Lantagne to table assigning committees until the April Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

V. TERM LIMIT ASSIGNMENTS: The board and term limit assignments list was given to the board for discussion. This list has been given to the County Board for their approval at the March 6 County Board meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Lantagne and supported by Schomin to approve February 27, 2007 agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Lantagne and supported by Bengry to approve the January 10, 2007 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS:

A: Received:

- 1) State sent a letter stating there will not be a fire-training grant this year, but it is still required. Discussion was held regarding a UP wide training and Ness is still looking into it
- 2) Meeting with URS 2:00 p.m. tomorrow – to discuss tree clearing (approach clearance). SCASDG was also discussed. Grant due end of April. Will be applying for marketing funds (especially since a new airline will be here and the state marketing grant program was cancelled this year). Other projects for this year were discussed.

B: Sent:

- 1) Ness passed out info. letter given to Senator Levin's office for a meeting with aide Amy Berglund and Joe Erickson.

IX. REPORTS:

A. **Chairman's Report:** Welcome to new board members, and welcome back to old.

B. **Manager's Report**

1. **Fly-In/Pig Roast**

- a. Discussion was held. Ideas were given as to co-sponsoring and marketing opportunities with other groups. The date of August 4th was approved. This should work out well with the Art Fair held in the Park the same day.

2. **MAAE:** Ness discussed attending the Michigan Association of Airports Executives conference. Information was given regarding the news about what's happening with the State and FAA for airports. Many programs that have been funded by the State have been cut this year due to lack of funds. As more information becomes available, it will be given to the board.
3. **EAS Proposal:** Ness talked about the 2 bid proposals that were received for air service because Midwest has decided to pullout of Escanaba when their contract ends May 31, 2007. After much discussion, Lantagne motioned to support Mesaba Airlines as the commercial airline under the EAS service and make this recommendation to the Delta County Board of Commissioners. Bengry supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Ness will write a letter to be given to the County Board for their next meeting.
4. **Manager's Contract:** Ness's contract will expire in May. After discussion, the board decided to allow Chairman Falcon write a personnel review and send to the County Board of Commissioners to be used during contract negotiations, and then placed in her personnel file.
5. **Customer Service:** Enplanements/Fuel Gallons Sold sheet was given out. Ness also discussed going to all the communities and discussing the impact of the airport to the community. Attended Fairbanks Township Board meeting in February.
6. **Intro to Airport (Tour):** Ness is requesting that the April Board meeting be a tour of the Airport along with an Intro to the Airport. This will be scheduled along with the rest of the board meeting.
7. **Board Meeting Change:** Ness discussed the possibility of canceling the March 14th board meeting because of the scheduling conflict for February and the March meeting will be only two weeks away. Moved by Woodworth and seconded by Schomin to cancel the March 14th board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Lantagne, supported by Schomin to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelly J. Smith, Assistant Manager

Michael Falcon, Board Chairperson