MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
Lansing, Michigan
March 26, 2009

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, the Commissioners of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC), created by said act, met in the Aeronautics Building, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 on Thursday, March 26, 2009, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

Members Present
Sidney Adams, Jr., Chair
Terry Everman, Vice Chair
James Collins, Commissioner
Russ Kavalhuna, Commissioner
Robert Johnston, Designee - DMVA
Leon Hank, Designee – MDOT
Dennis Fedewa, Designee - MDNR
Daniel Atkinson, Designee – MSP
David Brickey, Legal Counsel
Rob Abent, MAC Director

Members Absent
J. William Prochazka, Commissioner

Staff Present
Lorraine White, Assistant to MAC
Randy Coller, Airports Division
Pauline Misjak, Aviation Services
Leanne Hengesbach, Aviation Services
Mark Noel, Airports Division
Linn Smith, Airports Division
Rick Hammond, Airports Division
Betsy Steudle, Airports Division
Gerry Edwards, Airports Division
Matt Brinker, Aviation Services
Laura Wise, Airports Division
Kelly Crannell, Airports Division
Amanda Hopper, Airports Division
Carol Aldrich, Airports Division

Also Present
Jeff Nagel, MBS Airport
Jon Bayless, Grand Ledge-Abrams Airport
Daniel Otto, CRAA-CRIA
Ron Engel, Mead and Hunt
Eric Jaroch, Roscommon County

A list of all others present is attached to the official minutes.

I. OPENING REMARKS

The March 26, 2009, Michigan Aeronautics Commission meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Sidney Adams, Jr., at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was taken, Commissioner Prochazka was absent.

Chairman Adams mentioned that 2 projects have been added to the agenda; an amended agenda and project descriptions were at the table for the commissioners.

II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the January 28, 2009, Meeting

Chairman Adams entertained a motion to approve Exhibit A, the minutes of the MAC meeting held January 28, 2009, pending any corrections or change. Moved by Commissioner Collins and supported by Commissioner Fedewa to approve the minutes as written. By a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

B. Federal/State Local Projects

Chairman Adams called Mr. Dave Baker, Airports Division, to the podium to present the airport grants.

Mr. Baker gave an overview of the 33 projects for funding approval.

1. Gratiot Community Airport, Alma
2. Ann Arbor Municipal Airport, Ann Arbor
3. Huron County Memorial Airport, Bad Axe
4. Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, Benton Harbor
5. Wexford County Airport, Cadillac
6. Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport, Charlotte
7. Clare Municipal Airport, Clare
8. Branch County Memorial Airport, Coldwater
9. Drummond Island Airport, Drummond Island
10. Evart Municipal Airport, Evart
11. Gaylord Regional Airport, Gaylord
12. Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids
13. Grayling Army Airfield, Grayling
14. Grosse Ile Municipal Airport, Grosse Ile
15. Harbor Springs Municipal Airport, Harbor Springs
16. Oceana County Airport, Hart-Shelby
17. Ford Airport, Iron Mountain
18. Gogebic-Iron County Airport, Ironwood
19. Mackinac Island Airport, Mackinac Island

20. Manistee County-Blacker Airport, Manistee
21. Brooks Field Airport, Marshall
22. Mason Jewett Field Airport, Mason
23. Jack Barstow Airport, Midland
24. Monroe Custer Airport, Monroe
25. Luce Count Airport, Newberry
26. Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda
27. Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda
28. Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac
29. Sebewaing Township Airport, Sebewaing
30. South Haven Area Regional Airport, South Haven
31. Statewide
32. Statewide
33. Kirsch Municipal Airport, Sturgis

During the course of Mr. Baker's presentation, Commissioner Kavalhuna asked if Mr. Baker knew the location of the new terminal in Coldwater. It will be in close proximity of the current terminal. Commissioner Kavalhuna also inquired regarding the location of the FBO. Mr. Baker called on Amanda Hopper, the project manager, for assistance with the question. Per Ms. Hopper, the FBO is not in the terminal, but rather in a separate facility.

After his presentation, Mr. Baker asked if there were any other questions. Commissioner Hank questioned the use of hangers, how they are funded, etc. Mr. Baker responded by saying the most popular way is by federal entitlement funds. In the past MDOT has loaned airports the funding to build hangars, but they now typically use federal funds.

Mr. Baker repeated that there are no supplementals.

Chairman Adams entertained a motion to approve the 33 transfers as given. Moved by Commissioner Everman and supported by Commissioner Collins to approve the projects as given. By a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

C. Limited Delegation of Funds Transfer Authority

Chairman Adams noted the proposal for limited delegation of funds transfer authority. He asked Director Abent to present the details of the proposal. Director Abent gave an in-depth overview of the proposal, stating that under the law, Section 53 of the Aeronautics Commission Code, there is a provision that allows the Commission to delegate any authority that it chooses, to the Director of the Aeronautics Commission. This was previously discussed with Chairman Adams and the appointed Commissioners. Chairman Adams has determined, with the consent of his colleagues, and as reflected in the letter given to the Commissioners,

that delegation to the Commission Director will be awarded for the time period from today (March 26) until the next scheduled MAC meeting, May 27. Director Abent gave an overview of circumstances when/if this authority is acted on. In the event that this proposal needs to be amended, he will work with the Commissioners for revision. Copies of all sign-off documentation for projects being approved during this time will be sent to the appointed members of the Commissions. Director Abent asked the Commissioners for their approval.

Moved by Chairman Adams and supported by Commissioner Everman to support the proposal as given. By a unanimous voice vote the motion carried.

Commissioner Fedewa asked if we had any indication of what criteria would be used by the FAA to make funding decisions. Director Abent responded saying the projects will follow typical federal guidelines and priorities. MDOT is in the process of talking with members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation about the issue and are optimistic that we will know soon.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. REPORTS

A. MAC Director's Report.

Commission Director Abent was called to the podium to give his director's report.

Director Abent provided a PowerPoint presentation for his report. He thanked Chairman Adams for spending a significant amount of time since the last meeting to help work through issues involved with the federal funding. Director Abent began with a budget update and discussed the federal reauthorization for aviation. Revenue is down nearly 9%; this is a little improvement since the last report. He continues to work with MBAA and MAEE and our government relations staff to try to determine solutions to the issue.

The aviation fuel tax was discussed. Revenues are down approximately 9%, but are down about 25% over the past five years. Regarding expenditures, 42% of available funds have been expended through the year and are about 36% below authorization amount.

Director Abent gave an in-depth report on the federal reauthorization.

Concerning the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), no information regarding the amounts of specific projects has been forwarded from

the FAA. The Michigan legislature will address supplemental needs for aviation when the specific information becomes available.

Director Abent recognized the three nominees from the Bureau for the Director's Award for 2009: Matt Brinker, Carol Aldrich and Linn Smith.

Also recognized were two Awards of Excellence from the Michigan Concrete Paving Association. He asked Chairman Adams, Vice Chair Everman, Amanda Hopper, Project Manager, and Dan Otto, from the Capitol Region International Airport, to join him at the podium. He presented an Award of Excellence to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for the DeWitt Road and Port Lansing Road Relocation project in Clinton County.

Director Abent then asked Laura Wise, Project Manager, to join himself, Chairman Adams and Vice-Chair Everman at the podium for the second award. This award was presented to the Bureau of Aeronautics for the Grosse Ile Municipal Airport Taxiways C, E and F, City of Grosse Ile, Wayne County.

Director Abent also mentioned that Carol Aldrich was the unit supervisor on both projects. He added that both awards will be displayed in the building.

Upcoming events were mentioned. Director Abent will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to attend the NASAO Legislative Conference.

Also mentioned was "The Sky's the Limit" Teacher's Workshop, scheduled for Saturday May 16, 2009, at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo in Kalamazoo. Director Abent gave a brief overview of the day's events and invited the Commissioners and audience to attend.

Director Abent then asked Randy Coller to come to the podium for a brief presentation on a skydiving forum and FAA safety team activities.

Mr. Coller started his presentation saying that FAA's Flight Standards District Office asked to pass on information on the enforcement of two new regulations pertaining to Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) 91.146, concerning flight time requirements for pilots conducting charitable flights, and Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) 91.147, requiring pilots conducting sightseeing flights to be on a random drug testing program.

The second portion of Mr. Coller's presentation was on upcoming safety seminars and the Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology Career Day. Mr. Coller noted that in partnership with the Michigan FAAST (Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team), Aeronautics had previously granted funds for safety equipment. Mr. Coller is the past president of that group. There are now over 100 FAAST

team representatives in Michigan; information is available on-line at FAAsafety.gov., pilots and other people interested in aviation are encouraged to sign up on that web page.

Along with other upcoming events, Mr. Coller mentioned a Skydiving Forum scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, in the Aeronautics Building.

Chairman Adams thanked Mr. Coller for his presentation.

Chairman Adams asked if anyone present was from the Gerald F. Ford Airport in Grand Rapids. He cited a news report about a large project that is expected to be completed in the summer. He suspects that a grand opening will be scheduled. If so it will be announced at the next meeting.

Chairman Adams then mentioned the next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, in Lansing.

The March 26, 2009, meeting of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission concluded at approximately 10:40 a.m.

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Director Chairman

Dated: _____