

Airport Authority Chairperson Aeris Ripley called a special meeting of the Gratiot Community Airport Authority to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Authority Board was present in City Commission Chambers.

Roll Call

Board members present: Jamey Conn, Kurt Giles, David Ringle, Aeris Ripley, and Sam Smith.

Board members absent: Kevin Beeson.

Motion by Ringle, seconded by Conn, to approve minutes of the February 8, 2023, special meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Conn, Giles, Ringle, Ripley, and Smith.

No: none.

Absent: Beeson.

Airport Budget

Ripley briefly reviewed financial reports. He noted the current fund balance and reminded members that current leases were recently extended.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Giles, to receive financial reports. Motion carried.

Yes: Conn, Giles, Ringle, Ripley, and Smith.

No: none.

Absent: Beeson.

MDOT Aero Subgrant Agreement

Ripley asked for consideration of a resolution to approve signatures for an Airport Rescue Grant Agreement with MDOT Aero. The agreement is for distribution of \$32,200 in ARPA funds which will be used to offset operations costs in the current fiscal year.

Motion by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Conn, to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (FAA ARPA Grant #3-26-SBGP-130-2022 / SubGrant #AMN-13222) and the Gratiot Community Airport Authority to receive \$32,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and to authorize Aeris Ripley to execute this agreement and any other agreements and documents related to this program on behalf of the Gratiot Community Airport Authority.

Yes: Conn, Giles, Ringle, Ripley, and Smith.

No: none.

Absent: Beeson.

MDOT Sponsor Block Grant Program Contract

Ripley asked for consideration of a resolution to approve a Sponsor Block Grant Program Contract with MDOT for improvements and upkeep to runways. He noted the project totals \$71,600. \$64,439 will come from federal funds, \$3,580 from MDOT Aero funds, and the Gratiot Community Airport will pay the balance of \$3,581.

Motion by Board Member Giles, as seconded by Board Member Ringle, to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2023-0403) and the Gratiot Community Airport Authority for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the following undertaking at Gratiot Community Airport: Project description: Rehabilitate Runway-Airfield Paint Marking – Construction, Seal RWY Pavement Surface/Joints-Airfield Crack Sealing – Construction and

to authorize Airport Authority Chair, Aeric Ripley, to execute this agreement and any other agreements and documents related to this project on behalf of the Gratiot Community Airport Authority.

Yes: Conn, Giles, Ringle, Ripley, and Smith.
No: none.
Absent: Beeson.

Land Lease for Hangar Construction

Ripley provided pricing structure information for current hangar leases. Dennis McDonald, Airport Manager, said they had reached out to other airports and found the current pricing to be consistent with others. Brief discussion was held regarding a site plan and water and sewer provisions. Steve Meinhardt spoke regarding plans for septic.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Conn, to approve a Hangar Lease Agreement between the Gratiot Community Airport Authority and MeinCo Holdings, LLC, regarding construction of a hangar and lease of related property, for a period of twenty-five years commencing April 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Yes: Conn, Giles, Ringle, Ripley, and Smith.
No: none.
Absent: Beeson.

Update on Future Airport Operation Discussion

Ripley explained that discussions had resulted in a resolution that would outline the framework for transfer of operations to Gratiot County. The Gratiot County Commission had reviewed and adopted the resolution at their meeting on April 18th, and the same resolution is on the Alma City Commission April 25th agenda for consideration. If it's approved, Ripley will bring both back to the Authority for a conference call with counsel to discuss paperwork and steps for dissolving the current Airport Authority and creating a new advisory board. The County would then appoint members to the advisory board. Transitioning budgets and operations would follow.

Airport Manager Report

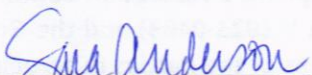
Airport Manager Dennis McDonald provided a verbal update on airport operations. He noted EEA has agreed to continue the current mowing contract. He spoke about recent airport users and activity. He also provided a brief update on the fuel farm project saying some delays may be necessary as certain items are currently unavailable.

Public Comment

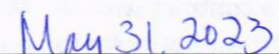
No public comments were offered.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Ringle, to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Yes: Conn, Giles, Ringle, Ripley, and Smith.
No: none.
Absent: Beeson.



Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk



Date of Approval