



**MINUTES  
KALAMZOO COUNTY AERONAUTICS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

ITEM 1.            Call to Order: Aeronautics Board Chair Gil Collver called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

ITEM 2.            Roll Call: Members in attendance – Gil Collver, Bill Duggan, Greg Hamelink, Ken Hazelrigg, John Jones, II and Mark Weiss.

Staff Present: Linda Bunting and Lisa Henthorn.

Also Present: County Commissioner/Airport Liaison Mike Seals, County legal counsel Thom Canny and County Deputy Finance Director Lisa Bradshaw.

ITEM 3.            Approval of the August 14, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes: There being no changes or comments, the minutes were approved as published.

ITEM 4.            Citizen Comments: Aeronautics Board Chair Collver went over the Citizen Comments process stating that any citizen present at the board meetings can address the board on a non-agenda item. They should address the board at the podium and state their name and their address and limit their remarks to four minutes. If someone would like to address an item that is on the consent agenda, they may request that the item be removed from the agenda. There were no citizen comments presented.

ITEM 4.            Financial Report – Assistant Finance Director Lisa Henthorn provided a statement of revenues and expenses reflecting the financial picture of the airport for the first seven months of 2014. The statement includes the approved 2014 budget, year-to-date actual operating revenues and expenditures through July 31, 2014, the percentage that each budget category represents of the total budget and actual expenditures and revenues for 2013. She stated that the year-to-date target through July 31, 2014 is 58.33%. Cumulatively year-to-date revenues through July 31, 2014 are at 59.6% of the approved budget. The statement reflects airline and concession revenues through June 30, 2014. She distributed a parking comparison handout and stated that parking revenue collections through the end of July remain strong. Year-to-date market share reports indicate steady enplanements for Delta and American Airlines. She stated that the airport remains optimistic that trend will continue. She added that year-to-date expenditures through July 31, 2014 are at 55.3% of the approved budget and airport staff continues to be diligent in monitoring expenses.

ITEM 5. For Consideration:

**AIRPORT CONSENT AGENDA:** None were presented.

**AIRPORT NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SELECTION OF FORT CUSTER**

**TRAINING CENTER FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE MISSION** – Chair Collver stated that this is of interest to the airport and the community from an economic development prospective. He introduced Colonel Ron Wilson, Air National Guard Wing Commander of the Battle Creek, Michigan National Guard Air Base who gave a presentation on the proposed installation of the missile defense system at Fort Custer in Battle Creek. Colonel Wilson stated that currently they are eight months into a two year economic impact study. He stated that by 2020 there would be 8,000 intercontinental missiles that would detect incoming and would be able to hit missiles in space. Fort Custer has two sites and it was chosen as a potential site due to logistics. So far it is estimated that there would be a \$3.2 billion economic impact and would create around 1,800 jobs. He stated in spite of public comments that it would make the area a target, in actuality it would not make the area any more of a target than before and there has been military force in the area since 1946. He also dispelled the rumor that it would shut down air space around Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. He stated that they are making efforts to hold public informational meetings with counties and townships so that the public is aware of how it works. He showed detailed slides of what the system would be like in Fort Custer. Upon closing his presentation Chair Collver called for a roll call. All board trustees present voted in favor and on a motion made by Trustee Jones, supported by Trustee Duggan the resolution passed.

ITEM 6. Unfinished Business: County Legal Counsel Thomas Canny stated the County Board of Commissioners are amending the Pfizer property purchase closing date to be changed from the date from 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

ITEM 7. New Business: There was no new business presented.

ITEM 8. Airport Director's Report: In Airport Director Dave Reid's absence Lisa Henthorn reported that there will be a "Talons Out Honor Flight" here at the airport on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. and distributed an article from their website with information about the flight that takes WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. There will also be a welcome back reception that evening at the Air Zoo, which is also hosting the Balloon Festival.

She stated the market share report for August demonstrated that overall, airline activity is up 7% for the year, year-to-date up 9%.

She stated that Dave Reid is attending the World Route Air Service conference in Chicago with meetings scheduled with American Airlines, Delta and US Air September 20 – 23, 2014, attending with Sixel Consulting, the airport's air service consultant.

ITEM 9. Member's Time: Trustee Hazelrigg inquired about the airport's website management. He expressed that he would be willing to be the Board Liaison when the time comes.

Trustee Hamelink asked about the status of the old terminal. Ms. Henthorn said there are still plans to have it be demolished but that is all the information she has for now.

Trustee Weiss asked about the hangar tenant meeting on October 11, 2014 and was informed to contact Assistant Director of Operations and Maintenance Chris Sieklucki with any questions.

ITEM 10.     Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.