



**Airport Advisory Committee**  
**Gratiot County**  
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## Proposed Minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting

The Gratiot County Airport Advisory Committee Meeting will be **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024** beginning at 1:30pm at 3999 W Seaman Rd. Alma, MI 48801.

**1. Call to Order at 1:32pm**

**2. Roll Call:**

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| a. George Bailey   | <u>Present</u> |
| b. Aeric Ripley    | <u>Present</u> |
| c. Kurt Giles      | <u>Present</u> |
| d. John Leppien    | <u>Present</u> |
| e. Kevin Beeson    | <u>Absent</u>  |
| f. Jim Wheeler     | <u>Present</u> |
| g. Steve Meinhardt | <u>Present</u> |

**Manager, Dennis McDonald Present**

**County Administrator Chris Oosterhoff Present**

**3. New Business:**

**a. Flight Aware Software**

- i. Give Equipment to receive signal if airport inputs into display on tv or computer; use for comparative data and for pilots; can be put anywhere.

**b. Terminal Renovations**

- i. PRIORITY: Water treatment system
- ii. Conference table / chairs (for 12-15)
- iii. Carpet replacement or "steam ability"
- iv. LED Lights (Chris will speak with state electric for recommendations.
- v. Paint job
- vi. Internet should be owned by county (currently owned by 3-point)
- vii. Router upstairs and equip other county - owned terminals with strong signal.
- viii. Cameras for security purposes
- ix. Basement storage update for equipment

Or

- x. Storage built for equipment by the county owned cold storage terminals.
- xi. 2 Recliners
- xii. 1 Couch
- xiii. Office chairs for “work” station
- xiv. Generator  
Security parking lot lights
- xv. Office fire cabinets and equipment
- xvi. Cabinets for kitchen supplies
- xvii. Coffee table
- xviii. 3 end tables
- xix. Tv (roku or cable)
- xx. Outlets (only some work)
- xxi. Replace or repair steps outside because the sides are breaking off
- xxii. Big Sandy connection
- xxiii. Date of completion: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Board Action: Motion by John Leppien, second by Steve Meinhardt to accept Terminal Renovations. Motion Carried 6-0-1.

**c. Manager’s Report**

- i. Remove beacon post
- ii. Grind down vegetation on 10 acres with grinder – Tony got a quote
- iii. Burn stumps again
- iv. John N. came out before Christmas (ask about cost effective choice to keep millings)
- v. Update drawings for taxiway bids
- vi. Local companies to send RFP to: Central Asphalt, Right Way, Pyramid Shook Asphalt
- vii. Correct drainage issues
- viii. Pulverize, remove, grade, and relay 3” asphalt
- ix. Date of completion: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**d. Chris Oosterhoff**

- i. Private hangers
- ii. Quote from John, hear back from aeronautics by the end of January if we received grants.
- iii. It was said in the grant application that airport would match 15%-20% of overall project percentage.

**4. Adjournment:**

Board Action: Motion by Aeric Ripley, second by Jim Wheeler to adjourn at 3:28 p.m. Motion Carried 6-0-1.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diandra Messer, recording secretary.

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Date