

Bylaws Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 12, 2012
Manistee County Blacker Airport
Airport Conference Room

Committee

Members

Present: Chairman Robert Wilson
Dale Picardat and Ross Spencer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barry Lind, Airport Director, Attorney George Saylor III

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 12:10 PM.

The Airport Authority instructed the Bylaws Committee to prepare a copy of bylaws, as amended, to be distributed by mailed to Authority Members for their review and possible approval at the next Authority Board.

The committee had considerable discussion on possible further changes to the current Bylaws concerning Section three and ability of the City of Manistee to nominate an Authority member to the County Board of Commissioners for their approval.

Members Picardat and Wilson voted for returning the language in Section 3.2 to the original October 12, 1998 version. Member Spencer voted against the change. (See notes below)

Additional discussion was held concerning Section 4.4. The only change to this section by the Bylaws Committee was to add the phrase "**without vote**" to the verbiage. (See notes below.)

Attorney Saylor noted that the Authority Chairman's ability to attend a committee meeting, with or without vote, could constitute having a quorum of Authority members present and thereby be a violation of the Michigan (OMA) Open Meetings Act. There

was discussion on whether or not the Authority Chairman's inability to vote at a committee meeting had any impact on the OMA. Attorney Saylor advised that by providing the prescribed public notification of our committee meetings the OMA would be complied with and therefore was no longer a concern.

The general feeling of the Bylaws Committee was that it was worth the additional step of providing public notification for a committee meeting if it provided for the possible additional involvement by Authority Chairman in the business of the Airport Authority. Some members felt it also was valuable in promoting increased transparency and accountability for the Authority.

The meeting was adjourned 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ross M. Spencer, Committee Member

Notes:

Airport Authority Bylaws, Section 3.3, Dated October 12, 1998

Three members of the Airport Authority Board may, but need not be members of the County Board of Commissioners. One member of the Board shall be a resident of the City of Manistee recommended by the City Council. Three (3) members of the Board shall be at large members who are residents of Manistee County.

Airport Authority Bylaws, Section 4.4, Dated October 12, 1998

The Chairperson, if present, shall preside over all meetings of the Board, appoint an acting recording secretary for all meetings at which the Secretary is absent, and be an ex-officio member of all committees.