

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
10:00 A.M.

Manistee County Blacker Airport  
Conference Room

**Members Present:** Paul Schulert, Chairperson; Ross Spencer, Vice-Chairperson; Duane Anderson; Ervin Kowalski; and Bob Wilson

**Members Absent:** Glenn Lottie; and Dale Picardat

**Others Present:** Barry Lind, Airport Manager; George Saylor, Airport Legal Counsel (arrived 2:25 P.M.); Jim Gallagher, Public Charters (via phone 3:10 - 3:45 P.M.); and Rachel Nelson, Airport Authority Secretary

Paul Schulert, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Roll was taken by the Secretary.

Mr. Schulert explained that the reason for the special meeting was to receive an update on the status of the air carrier situation, discuss options on how to move forward, and discuss the Part 139 Orchard Beach Aviation contract.

Mr. Lind updated the Authority on the court proceedings with Public Charters and ADI. Mr. Lind also explained that ADI owes \$75,000 to Public Charters. The airport has 90 days from the date that TSA stopped providing service to resume airline service or the airport will become de-federalized and would possibly need to pay for TSA services.

Mr. Lind explained that there are three options. The first option would be to end the Alternate Essential Air Service (AEAS) program and return to the Essential Air Service (EAS) program, which typically includes a six month bidding process. The second option is continuing with AEAS and having flights provided by Air Choice One. Air Choice One has verbally offered to provide service once per day with a 9 seat single engine plane, beginning mid-January through the end of May 2013. After May, they could provide flights twice per day and may be able to acquire a 19 seat plane and work with Public Charters. The third option is to continue the AEAS program with Public Charters and Corporate Flight Management (CFM) would provide the flights four times per week with a 19 seat plane. CFM would be able to start service a week after they receive DOT approval, which should be in early to mid November.

**There was a motion by Mr. Kowalski, supported by Mr. Anderson to approve Public Charters to subcontract with Corporate Flight Management for the short term with four flights per week while working towards a long term solution with seven flights per week.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Yeas: 5 (Wilson; Kowalski; Anderson; Spencer; Schulert)**

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 2 (Lottie; Picardat)**

**Motion carried.**

**There was a motion by Mr. Spencer, supported by Mr. Kowalski that subject to approval of the U.S. Department of Transportation through an addendum or other written confirmation, the Airport Authority enter into an addendum with Public Charters modifying the terms of service providing for a different air carrier, and that the Airport Authority Chair be authorized to execute the addendum.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Yeas: 5 (Schulert; Spencer; Anderson; Kowalski; Wilson)**

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 2 (Lottie; Picardat)**

**Motion carried.**

There was discussion on the Part 139 contract between the Airport Authority and Orchard Beach Aviation, and the contract with Public Charters. No action was taken, and if necessary, this discussion will continue at the next regular Airport Authority meeting.

With there being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel Nelson, Airport Authority Secretary

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