

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2016  
1:00 P.M.

Manistee County Blacker Airport  
Conference Room

**Members Present:** Paul Schulert, Chair; Doug Bell; Mark Bergstrom; Gerry Haw (arrived at 1:45 P.M.); and Alan Marshall

**Members Absent:** Brook Shafer; and Dale Picardat

**Others Present:** Barry Lind, Airport Director; and Rachel Nelson, Airport Authority Secretary

Paul Schulert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Roll was taken by the Secretary. The purpose of the special meeting was to review/approve a runway marking grant, and to review the strategic plan.

Mr. Lind informed the Authority that he hoped to have the grant paperwork prior to the meeting, however, it hasn't been received yet. The language is pretty standard in these grant agreements from the State, so it could be approved pending George Saylor's review. The grant is for \$50,000, with a 10% local match that can come from the Capital Improvement Fund. After discussion,

**There was a motion by Mr. Bergstrom, supported by Mr. Marshall, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract for "Rehabilitate Runway – Airfield Paint Marking", Contract No. 2016-0491, and to authorize the Airport Authority Chair to execute the contract, pending legal review.**

**A roll call vote was taken:**

**Yeas: 4 (Schulert; Bell; Bergstrom; Marshall)**

**Nays: 0**

**Absent: 3 (Shafer; Haw; Picardat)**

**Motion carried**

The Authority next reviewed the Manistee Blacker Airport Authority Strategic Plan 2015-2020. The intention of the review was to discuss what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished. There was discussion about bringing a business into the airport, and that it would be a good idea to pursue an economic development plan for the airport, however, this is not specifically mentioned in the strategic plan.

Mr. Haw arrived at the meeting.

There was discussion about regional collaboration with Mason and Benzie Counties.

Various ideas were discussed to bring business to the airport and visitors to the community.

It was noted that the implementation chart (page 20) was left blank and should be filled in. The Authority requested that Mr. Lind contact Tamara Buswinka at the AES (Alliance for Economic Success) to assist with completing the priorities and timeframes on the implementation chart.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rachel Nelson, Airport Authority Secretary

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