

CENTRAL WISCONSIN JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Conference Room B – East Terminal Upper Level, Mosinee, Wisconsin

March 12, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

2022-2024 Board Members: Chair Dave Ladick - Portage County, Vice Chair Chris Dickinson - Marathon County, Julie Morrow - Portage County, Becky Buch - Marathon County, Tom Seubert - Marathon County, Lon Krogwold - Portage County, Kurt Kluck - Marathon County.

Mission Statement: *Provide premier access to the world through aviation and be a catalyst for economic growth in our communities.* **Vision Statement:** *To be the airport of choice for central and northern Wisconsin.*

The monthly meeting of the Central Wisconsin Joint Airport Board will have the option for members and the public to call-in via telephone conference. Airport Board members and the public may join the meeting by calling 1-469-480-4192 and enter Conference ID 586 086 871#. The conference line will be open to calls five (5) minutes prior to the meeting start time listed above.

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ladick at 8:00 a.m.
 - a) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Approval of Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting
- 3) Public Comment Period: 15-minute time limit
- 4) Staff Reports
 - a) Director Report
 - i) Air Service Update
 - ii) Statistical Report
 - iii) Flight Schedule
 - iv) Legislative Update
 - b) Financial Reports
 - i) Revenues and Expenses
 - ii) Budget Comparison
 - c) Operations and Project Reports
 - i) Update on Transient Hangar Design
 - ii) Update on 2024 AIP and PFC projects
 - iii) Update on Airport Operations
 - d) Central Wisconsin Aviation
 - i) Fixed Base Operator Report
- 5) Adjournment
- 6) Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CENTRAL WISCONSIN AIRPORT TERMINAL

Conference Room B – East Terminal Upper Level, Mosinee, Wisconsin

February 13, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

Airport Board:	Dave Ladick, Chair Lonnie Krogwold Becky Buch Thomas Seubert – Excused	Chris Dickinson, Vice Chair Kurt Kluck Julie Morrow
Staff:	Brian Grefe, Airport Director Julie Ulrick, Badging Coordinator	Mark Cihlar, Assistant Airport Director Dave Drozd, Finance Director
Visitors:	Karl Kemper, Becher Hoppe Randy Dorshorst, Central Wisconsin Aviation Jim Fredericksen, Operations Supervisor	Rick Miller, Central Wisconsin Aviation Mike Turner, GFO Aviation Matt Foss, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art
Handouts:	January Statistical Report	

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Ladick at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Morrow, second by Buch to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comment Period: None.

Review and Possible Action on Terminal Area Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan Approvals:

Planning efforts for the Terminal Area Master Plan (TAMP) began in January 2023 to study future general aviation (GA) facilities and development needs of the airport. Focus areas of the TAMP included GA facilities, airport operations and snow removal equipment facilities, various landside facilities and electric vehicle charging and solar infrastructure. Meetings were held with public and technical advisory committees and a public open house was held to promote public engagement. Preferred alternatives were selected in August and the FAA completed the airspace review of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) with no significant changes. Approval for the TAMP and the approved ALP are required to qualify for federal funding. Implementation of TAMP projects will be considered on a project-by-project basis. There is no financial impact or commitment to any specific project in the TAMP by the airport until individual projects are approved by the board. The approved TAMP only allows the included projects to be eligible for funding. The cost to complete the TAMP was \$802,562, which will be funded by 90% AIP entitlement funds, 5% state funds and 5% passenger facility charge revenues. ***Motion by Morrow, second by Kurt to approve the final Terminal Area Master Plan report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Krogwold, second by Buch to approve the Airport Layout Plan update as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

Review and Possible Action on Public Art Exhibit - Partnership with Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum:

In October, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum staff met with airport staff to discuss the potential of relocating the art installation, *Murmuration*, to the Central Wisconsin Airport. Because of the tie-in with flight and aviation, the airport could be an ideal location to relocate the installation to. *Murmuration* is a community art project, made from wire, and created by sculptor Tom Hill in 2021 that shows the mass movements of flocking birds in flight – in particular, European Starlings. The art installation is scheduled to be removed from the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum this April. Airport staff, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, and the artist Tom Hill propose recreating a new community art project out of *Murmuration* for the airport called *Birds of a Feather*. This project would build awareness and goodwill in the community for the airport and Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum by giving community members a chance to work with a renowned artist and have their art displayed at CWA. *Birds of a Feather* would be installed on the north end of the concourse and installation would be completed by Tom Hill at no

cost to the airport. Artist workshops could be held over the course of several days to create the new art pieces. Details of the community project and sponsor recognition would be integrated into the art on the primary wall of the art display. ***Motion by Buch, second by Kluck to approve the Birds of a Feather concept and direct staff to draft a five-year agreement to display the community artwork in the concourse as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

Staff Reports:

Director Report – Brian Grefe

Air Service Update – American has announced they are bringing back their third daily flight that will operate six days per week. Delta appears to remain consistent throughout the year. Staff have meetings coming up with both legacy carriers later this month.

Statistical Report – The December year end statistical report shows total operations down 12.5%, ATC operations down 1% and enplanements up 8.3% on the year. Load factors for December ranged from 72.5% to 82.4%. The January statistical report shows landings up 11.9%, ATC operations up 27% and enplanements up 24%. Load factors ranged from 72% to 80.1%.

Flight Schedule – American's third daily flight will start in a few days and be reflected on the March flight schedule. Avelo's flight times have been fluctuating recently. There are several scheduled charters coming up.

Legislative Update – The Senate Commerce Committee marked up and passed out of committee amendments to an FAA Reauthorization bill. Senators Baldwin and Sullivan's student loan borrowing proposal that would raise the caps for student loan borrowing to enable more prospective pilots to access higher education was included in the bill. Senators Thune, Sinema and Duckworth proposed giving the FAA authority to establish and oversee an enhanced qualifications program for pilot training requirements, that could include simulator training. The bill now goes to the two chambers for reconciliation.

Financial Reports – Dave Drozd:

Revenues and Expenses – Preliminary December year end numbers show revenues at 54.19% of budget and expenditures at 63.42% of budget. January financials will be available when the county system has completed closing out 2023. The financials do not include CARES Act funding and CARES Act funds will be used for the 2024 debt service payment, which will close out the fund.

Budget Comparison – The preliminary December budget summary shows revenues with a 9.18% increase on the year, with expenses down 5.39%. Revenue over expense ends with a deficit of \$536,329 for the year.

Operations & Project Reports – Mark Cihlar:

Update on Transient Hangar Design – Staff met with FAA representatives and the meeting was very positive. The project was originally scheduled for the design and bid process to be completed this spring for a summer grant, but even though BIL and AIG funds are available, AIP funding is not. Staff will move forward with the design to get the project shovel ready and plan to put it out for bid in October/November. Turnaround time for the grant would put a spring 2025 start date. The FAA will consider a design only grant due to AIP timing. Design negotiations are complete, with a final contract amount of \$329,146. The project is not PFC or state fund eligible, but the local share has been budgeted for.

Update on ATC Tower Project – A preliminary project kickoff meeting was held with design consultants and the contractor to review the project in more detail. The tower will be closed for up to two weeks and all project materials need to be onsite to avoid delays in reopening the tower. Work may not begin until late summer due to supply chain issues.

Update on 2024 AIP and PFC Projects – Staff are working with the BOA and FAA Airports District Office to get all pre-application documentation and planning efforts set for this year's entitlement projects. One AIP project planned for this year is the purchase of a new fire truck, based on the recommendation of the FAA certification inspector. The timing would be good with the new fluorine-free F3 foam that is now available. The backup truck that is kept would

also be converted to carry F3 foam and the oldest truck would be sold. Staff are working on updating the PFC application, which may include a few lower cost items to move forward with this year.

Update on Airport Operations – It has been an easy winter for snow operations. This week Thursday the RFP for sale of the top soil pile will be going out. The RFP will be posted for a month and brought to the board for approval. Proposals will be reviewed based on cost and timing of removal.

General Aviation Reports – Central Wisconsin Aviation:

Central Wisconsin Aviation reported there was not much for deicing this year, but they were still prepared. Staff has been trained on the deicer and it is fully operational.

Adjournment: 8:59 a.m. Motion by Kluck, second by Buch to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: March 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Julie Ulrick, Recording Secretary

Central Wisconsin Airport – Flight Schedule

March 12, 2024



<u>Arrivals – Delta</u>				<u>Departures – Delta</u>			
4982	15:46	from MSP	CRJ	5384	07:04	to MSP	CRJ
4934	21:03	from MSP	CRJ	4982	16:26	to MSP	CRJ



<u>Arrivals – American</u>				<u>Departures – American</u>			
6134	11:32	from ORD	CRJ	5993	06:11	to ORD	CRJ
6035	17:19	from ORD	CRJ	6134	12:30	to ORD	CRJ
6028	21:47	from ORD	CRJ	6058	17:45	to ORD	CRJ



<u>Arrivals – Avelo</u>				<u>Departures – Avelo</u>			
758	17:20	from MCO	737-800	759	18:00	to MCO	737-800

Upcoming Charter Schedule

Mar. 3 – Sun Country to Laughlin
 Mar. 14 – Sun Country to St. Louis

MSP = Minneapolis
 ORD = Chicago O’Hare
 MCO = Orlando

Total CWA Flights Daily = 6

CWA Legislative Update – March 2024

Senate Clears FAA Extension

(Source: Airport Alert, AAAE)

March 7, 2024

The Senate cleared a bill by unanimous consent to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs and excise taxes through May 10. The measure will give lawmakers another two months to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the FAA reauthorization bill.

Coupled with the first two short-term extensions, the latest stop-gap measure (H.R. 7454) will provide the FAA with slightly more than seven months of authorized funding in Fiscal Year 2024. That translates into more than \$2 billion for AIP. We expect that the FAA will make an announcement soon on how it plans to begin distributing the initial round of AIP funding.

The House approved the short-term extension late last month. So, the Senate action clears the way for the President to sign the bill into law before the current FAA extension expires tomorrow. When the House considered the measure, Aviation Subcommittee Chair Garret Graves (R-LA) said “this is the last temporary extension we’re going to do.”

On a separate matter, the House yesterday approved a six-bill spending package that includes funds for the Department of Transportation and the FAA for the remainder of FY24. The Senate needs to approve the measure before midnight tomorrow to avoid a partial government shutdown.

FAA Releases List of \$970 Million in FY24 Airport Terminal Program Grants

(Source: Airport Alert, AAAE)

February 15, 2024

On February 15, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released a list of airport projects that will receive a share of \$970 million in fiscal year 2024 (FY24) discretionary grants under the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), which was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The agency intends to fund 118 projects at 104 airports, focusing on terminal reconstruction, development, and accessibility; improving energy efficiency for terminals; and improving airport-owned air traffic control (ATC) towers; among many other purposes.

Under the ATP, FAA is providing approximately \$5 billion to airports via discretionary, competitive grants for eligible terminal projects over a five-year period. In September 2023, FAA released a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) that outlined how airports could apply for a share of the approximately \$1 billion in FY24 discretionary funds that were available. Based on the submissions, FAA received 634 applications requesting \$7.7 billion in FY24 funding. To date, FAA has awarded over \$2.9 billion in ATP grants over the past three fiscal years.

What’s Next? Looking ahead, FAA will be publishing an annual NOFO to announce additional funding available, approximately \$1 billion per year, for FY25 and FY26. AAAE expects that the next NOFO for FY25 ATP grants will be released in August or September 2024, although this is subject to change.