GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Gerald R. Ford International Airport, International Room
5500 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
8:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair Small.

Members Present: Jennifer Merchant, Mike Verhulst, Doug Small, Dan Koorndyk – 4

Also Present: Tory Richardson, Alex Peric, Haley Meyer, Carlos Ruiz, Maria Kim, Ashley Thorsen, Casey Ries, Chris King-Dye, Clint Nemeth, Tom Cizauskas, Kyle McKeown, Jeff Berghage, Colton Kilpatrick

6-1 **Meeting Minutes**

The Operations and Marketing Committee meeting minutes of May 20, 2026, were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Verhulst and support by Mrs. Merchant.

6-2 **Public Comment**

No public comment.

6-3 **Resolution 26-24: Concourse B Renovation – Construction Phase**

Mr. King-Dye presented the Concourse B Renovation project and outlined the planned construction improvements. He noted that construction activities will be phased to maintain Concourse B operations throughout the duration of the project. Mr. King-Dye reported that $6,000,000 in federal grant funding has been secured through the competitive Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Airport Terminal Program (ATP). He further explained that project costs eligible for reimbursement will be funded through future Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) collections and that the project is included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget.

Motion by Mrs. Merchant, supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of construction phase contracts not to exceed $20,000,000 for construction services to renovate Concourse B and authorization for the President and CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

6-4 **Resolution 26-25: Taxiway Foxtrot and Golf Reconstruction – Construction Phase**

Mr. McKeown presented the Taxiway F and G reconstruction project. He explained that based on survey and geotechnical data that was completed, it was determined that reconstruction of Taxiway F and G is required to meet FAA requirements. He noted that the project will improve the pavement condition of the primary taxiway serving Runway 8L/26R and provide safer access to Runway 17/35.

Mr. McKeown further explained that the width of Taxiway F and G will be reduced from 40 feet to 35 feet to comply with current FAA standards. He stated that the project will have no impact on airport guests and will be funded through federal and state funding sources.

Motion by Mr. Verhulst, supported by Mrs. Merchant, the approval of project contracting authority not to exceed $5,750,000 for the reconstruction of Taxiway F (from Taxiway V north to Taxiway J) and Taxiway G (west of Taxiway B), and authorization for the President and CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

6-5 **Resolution 26-26: Federal Inspection Station – Phase 2 Design**

Mr. King-Dye presented the Federal Inspection Station (FIS) Phase 2 Design project. He explained that GFIAA completed Phase 1 of the FIS project in 2021, which included an expansion of the terminal building to the east. He noted that Phase 2A will include the installation of an additional baggage claim device similar to Baggage Claim No. 4, which was installed during Phase 1. He further explained that Phase 2B will include a review of the latest U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) design standards, eligibility determinations, and the preparation of an executive summary to support the development of a fully operational FIS. Mr. King-Dye reported that in May 2026, GFIAA was awarded a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) grant to support the Phase 2 design effort, and that the cost of the project is included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget.

Motion by Mrs. Merchant, supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of project contracting authority not to exceed $950,000 for design services for Phase 2A and 2B of the Federal Inspection Station (FIS), and authorization for the President & CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

6-6 **June 2026 Construction/Project Report**

Mr. Nemeth reviewed the status of the construction projects.

6-7 **Other**

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM
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