

**GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Gerald R. Ford International Airport, International Room  
5500 44<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
8:00 a.m.**

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

Members Present: Doug Small, Mike Verhulst – 2

Member Absent: Jennifer Merchant

Also Present: Tory Richardson, Maria Kim, Alex Peric, Casey Ries, Tom Cizauskas, Chris King-Dye, Mike Wouda, Haley Meyer, Matt Zeilstra, Kyle McKeown, Brian Hilbrands, Jon Couchenour

**6-1 Meeting Minutes**

The Operations and Marketing Committee meeting minutes of May 21, 2025, were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Small and support by Verhulst.

**6-2 Public Comment**

No public comment.

**6-3 Resolution 25-7: Taxiway D Lighting**

Mr. Wouda reported that the airfield taxiway lighting has been prioritized for upgrades based on monthly condition assessments. The Taxiway D circuit upgrades will be the first in a series of planned system improvements. In collaboration with stakeholders, the project scope includes replacing existing lights with LEDs, installing new cabling, updating transformers, and making vault improvements. He noted that bids for the project are due on June 26, 2025, and that the project is included in the 2025 Capital Improvement Budget.

Motion by Mr. Small, supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of construction phase project contracting authority not to exceed \$1,600,000 for Taxiway D lighting rehabilitation, and authorization for the President & CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

**6-4 Rental Car Lease Agreements**

Mr. Cizauskas reviewed the ConRAC lease structure, noting that rental rates have been competitively established through good faith negotiations and a property appraisal. He further explained that rent will be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

**6-5 June 2025 Construction/Project Report**

Mr. Ries reviewed the status of the construction projects. He also introduced Brian Hilbrands, Planning Manager, who presented an overview of the upcoming Oosetema Drive Campus Signage Replacement project, which is scheduled to begin in the coming months.

**6-6 Other**

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

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