

**GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
8:00 a.m.**

Present: Tory Richardson, Alex Peric, Casey Ries, Matt Zeilstra, Maureen Lynch, JJ Swain, Tom Cizauskas, Tom Hatfield, Moe Khattak, Michelle Baker, Clint Nemeth, Pat Howe, Laura Feigel, Margie Witbeck, 616-460-4590

Mr. Wilson asked for attendance by roll call.

Present: Floyd Wilson, Jr., Doug Small (Grand Rapids Township, Kent County, Michigan), Roger Morgan (Courtland Township, Kent County, Michigan), Dan Koorndyk - 4

Absent: 0

5-1 Meeting Minutes

The Operations and Marketing Committee minutes of April 19, 2021, were approved as submitted. Motion by Mr. Morgan, supported by Mr. Small. Motion carried.

5-2 Public Comment

No public comment

5-3 Air Service Capacity Report

Mr. Khattak said that all of the airlines have added significant capacity. June projections show that the total seating capacity will decrease only by 9% compared to 2019. Also in June of 2021, more than 1,500 flights to 29 non-stop destinations and possibly two new routes are expected. He said that as airlines continue to add seating capacity at our airport, we are getting back to a more balanced market share.

Mr. Khattak said that in 2020, Allegiant was the only airline that continuously added capacity and routes. He added that the survey to regional business community members revealed that business travel should pick up again by fall, pending the percentage of vaccinated people.

5-4 Consultant & Contractor Selection Process

Mr. Ries and Mr. Cizauskas reviewed the procurement and RFP process. Chair Wilson requested staff provide a schedule of the approvals needed by the Board and Kent County Commissioners for Project Elevate. It was also suggested we provide an estimate on the number of jobs created or sustained and total dollars invested for our various projects under Project Elevate.

5-5 Project/Construction Report & Major Project Update

Mr. Ries asked if there were any questions regarding the project/construction report. There were not any questions.

5-6 Other

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

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