

MEETING MINUTES
GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
Gerald R. Ford International Airport, International Room
5500 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49512
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

A quorum being present, and in accordance with notice being duly given, Chair Koorndyk called the meeting of the Authority Board to order on November 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Koorndyk welcomed everyone and asked for Board Member attendance by roll call:

Board Present: Birgit Klohs, Mike Verhulst, Dan Burrill, Emily Brieve, Dan Koorndyk – 5

Board Absent: Pete Beukema, Doug Small – 2

Staff Present: Tory Richardson – President and CEO
Alex Peric – Vice President and COO
Haley Meyer – Executive Assistant
Lisa Carr – Public Safety & Operations Director
Matt Zeilstra – Controller
Chris King-Dye – Maintenance and Asset Management Director
Tom Cizauskas – Business Administration Manager
Jon Couchenour – IT Support Analyst
Brett Groth – Cyber Security Analyst
Casey Ries – Chief Asset Development Officer
Michelle Baker – Environmental Manager
Haley Abbas – Marketing and Communications Manager
Heidi Groenboom – Communication and Events Associate
Ashley Thorsen – Operations Manager

Others Present: Mary Kay Shaver (Varnum), Mary Ann Sabo (Sabo PR), Bryan Loden (Avolta), Steve Jenkins (Avolta), Steve Sosko (Avolta), Sheldon Poole (Avolta), Jake Stidham (ECP), Chad Hutchison (ECP), Shawn Hardy (TPG), Tia Paquin (TPG), John Oliver

11-1 Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Klohs supported by Mr. Verhulst the approval of the agenda.

11-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

11-3 Special Presentation

Chair Koorndyk welcomed Casey Ries, who provided an update on the Carbon Accreditation Award received by the airport during the ACI-NA Annual Conference. Mr. Ries introduced Environmental Manager Michelle Baker, who presented an overview of the airport's sustainability efforts that led to this recognition.

Chair Koorndyk then called on Mr. Richardson, who introduced the airport's marketing team along with its media and marketing partner, Extra Credit Projects. Mr. Richardson highlighted that the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR) was selected by Airports Council International - North America for the 2024 Peggy G. Hereford Award for Overall Excellence in Airport Marketing, Communications, and Customer Experience. GRR earned first place in the following categories: Print Communications, Annual Reports, Overall Marketing Programs in the Small Airports category, and Community Education and Outreach.

11-4 Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Authority Board Minutes – October 30, 2024

OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

- b) Resolution 24-19: Recognition of GFIAA Board Staff, and Experience Grand Rapids Team Efforts for Successful ACI-NA 2024 Annual Conference and Exhibition

c) Resolution 24-20: Lower Canopy- FIS Curb Front

d) Reports

- Project/Construction Report
- Public Safety and Operations Report
- Maintenance and Asset Management Report
- Media Report

Motion by Mr. Burrill supported by Mrs. Brieve, the approval of Consent Agenda items a – d representing another \$2.2 million invested in our facilities.

Motion carried.

Mr. Burrill called on Mr. Richardson to read into the record, Resolution 24-19.

11-5 President and CEO Report

Mr. Richardson reviewed the CEO report.

11-6 Other Business

No other business was discussed.

11-7 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVAL: _____
Birgit Klohs, Secretary to the Board

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