



# Owosso Community Airport

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Shiawassee Airport Board

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Joy Archer — Owosso Township  
Becky Smith — City of Corunna  
Mona Lisa McLaughlin — Airport Pilot Rep.  
Garry Csapos, Secretary — Airport Manager

## SHIAWASSEE AIRPORT BOARD

Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024  
Airport Terminal

\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\*

Approved August 8, 2024

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Roll Call

#### Members Present

Becky Smith	City of Corunna
Rick Musson	Caledonia Charter Township
Joy Archer	Owosso Township
Richard Ebert	City of Owosso
Julie MacKay	Shiawassee County
Garry Csapos	Airport Manager/Secretary
Mona Lisa McLaughlin	Airport Pilot Rep.

Members Absent: Becky Smith.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by Joy Archer supported by Dean Ebert.

Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of June 20, 2024 Meeting: Motion to approve by Julie MacKay supported by Dean Ebert.

Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- a. Ron Spicer asked if there any questions or issues that came up about the fire assessment that's coming on the Caledonia Township winter taxes. Rick commented that he felt they were doing there best to keep costs down as much as possible. Virginia Jacobson commented she is 86 on a list of people waiting for a hangar in Florida. She and her husband have come back to Michigan and specifically this airport because it is a country airport and they have beautiful crosswind runways. Livingston County Airport doesn't have any crosswind runways and the only paved runway is 90 degrees from the prevailing winds which means there is a crosswind almost all of the time. Larry Csapos commented that an airplane in flight lost a jug on their engine about 12 miles away. The reason they chose Owosso is because if they run short they have many directions to land because we had many runways to chose from.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Mona Lisa McLaughlin- Airport Pilot Rep.  
Mona Lisa commented that pilots are concerned about the grass runways going away.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Garry Csapos presented the financial report showing prepaid and unpaid bills of \$8,699.06 for July 2024. A Trial Balance report from the Shiawassee County Financial Administrator shows a pooled cash balance of \$55,318.77 in Horizon and \$27,554.80 in Chase ending June 30th, 2024. The AvFuel credit balance ending June 30th, 2024 was \$78,573.05. On Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> the airport received a refund check from Mead & Hunt of \$3,292.45 because of a duplicate payment for invoice #36325B. They received a payment from MDOT for the same invoice. On Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> we received a check from the State of Michigan for \$10,227.00 from the Airport Improvement Program. Total revenue deposited for the month of June 2024 was \$12,163.84. Motion to accept the financial report as presented by Dean Ebert and supported by Julie MacKay. Roll Call: -Approved by all present.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

Garry Csapos reported that fuel sales for the month June 2024 is 4,255 gallons. Total fuel sales so far for the year 2024 is 15,940 gallons. On Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> Garry Csapos, Doug Haskins, and Julie MacKay attended an Airport Maintenance workshop at Oakland International Airport. A big thanks goes out to Julie MacKay for arranging air transportation to and from. On Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> Stephenie Whiting of MDOT Aeronautics conducted our airport inspection. It turns out some trees are penetrating our approach paths. Julie MacKay and Garry Csapos are working on a plan of action to submit to our inspector to show our progress in dealing with those issues. On the Fourth of July there was a large turnout to watch the fireworks. There were no major problems. On Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> the computer for the Pilot Brief weather system went down. A local pilot Joe Dixon donated a used computer to fix it. On Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> Ben Hoover of Mead & Hunt, Travis Marchall of Alpine Tree Service, Garry Csapos the airport manager and Paige Luft of MDOT Aeronautics conducted the Final Inspection Meeting for the phase 2 Runway 11 Approach Clearing Project. A reminder the (EBA) Economic Benefits Statement is due September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. On Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> David Mellino of MDOT flagged the powerlines for the AWOS. On Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> Spectrum was flagging. Also Blood Hound Utility Locating Service was flagging lines on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. None.

#### **NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Rick Musson outlined issues regarding our airport license with the State of Michigan. Five of the six approaches on the airport failed. We will be going back on a Provisional License. It is unknown according to Ben Hoover of Mead & Hunt how this will effect our on going projects. Garry Csapos gave progress report on clearing our approaches. Doug Haskins had Sprague Excavating clear all of the brush that was an issue on the 29 approach. I have permission to clear the approaches on runways 24 and 36. I met with owner of River Walk Apartments and he was only concerned that we trim the trees and not cut them down. Julie MacKay and I met with Gil the owner of Hodges Glass and he will talking with land owner about a tree on his property in the runway 18 approach. We gave him some aerial photos and information to better understand the situation. We have an appointment with JJ's Tree Service and STAMMS Tree service to review the approaches. Rick Musson revealed we have a plan on all five approaches and we need to consider what we will do with trees on our side of the river. More board discussion. Garry reported that the property in the approach to runway 24 was in a trust with a brother and sister. The sister was hesitant at first. The person in charge said he was OK with trimming the trees but didn't want us to do anything that would lessen the value of the property. Julie MacKay has concerns that we need something in writing. There was more board discussion. Rick Musson asked for a motion to proceed with the easements. Julie MacKay made a motion to proceed with the easements and supported by Joy Archer. Roll Call: -Approved by all present.
- b. Rick Musson opened a discussion on airport property spraying. The ditch on the east end was cleared but has grown grow back. We have had trees taken down on the west side by the river but by signing that contract we agree to keep it clear for 20 years. Rob Ching of Aura LLC has volunteered to spay both areas for the cost of materials. That would be a few hundred dollars at the most. Then we can get with Doug and set up an annual program. One of the home owners has a vegetable garden on property by the river. How we deal with that can be up for further discussion. I don't see anything being resolved tonight.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

- a. Virginia Jacobson suggested that sometimes you can offer something back if people are on the fence to get their cooperation. Brian Heidt wanted to thank everyone for keeping the Owosso Community Airport a wonderful place. You guy's are here every day doing work. I can get away here on an afternoon. I want thank all of the people on the board and Doug Haskins for all of the work he does. We have the best grass runways in Mid Michigan.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a. Joy Archer asked about the dumpster issue we talked about last meeting. Rick explained that the Café got a second dumpster and Julie MacKay got a surveillance sign to put up. We will put some trail cameras up. Dean Ebert appreciate everyone volunteering because the obstructions have been a thorn in our side. Julie MacKay said we have been working together on the grass runway, I know they are important, they are a safety issue. We are making a lot of progress.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn made by Julie MacKay and supported by all present.

**Sponsor Members: Shiawassee County - City of Owosso  
City of Corunna - Caledonia Charter Township - Owosso Township**