

**Northwest Regional Airport Authority, Grand Traverse County, and Leelanau County  
Joint Study Session – Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

Tentative minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

The Study Session was called to order at 3:13 p.m. by Chairman Hentschel of Grand Traverse County. Today's meeting is being held at Northwestern Michigan College, Scholars Hall, Room #109, Traverse City, Michigan.

The first Roll Call was taken by Grand Traverse County: Present were Brian McAllister, Lauren Flynn, Brad Jewett, Rob Hentschel, Darryl Nelson, and Scott Sieffert; excused were Ashlea Walter, TJ Andrews, and Penny Morris.

The second Roll Call was Leelanau County:

District #1	Jamie Kramer	ABSENT (with prior notice)
#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
#3	Doug Rexroat	ABSENT (with prior notice)
#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
#5	Kama Ross	PRESENT arrived at 3:17 p.m.
#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
#7	Melinda C. Lautner	ABSENT (with prior notice)

Roll Call was then taken by Northwest Regional Airport Authority: Present were Steve Plamondon, Will Bunek, Rob Hentschel, Doug DeYoung, Jim O'Rourke, Dan Jonkhoff, Darryl Nelson, and Wayne Schmidt.

Review and Approval of the Agenda: (By Grand Traverse BOC only)

MOTION BY HENTSCHEL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY NELSON.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment on Items on the Agenda:

The following individuals spoke: Thomas Power

Airport Update:

Kevin Klein, Cherry Capital Airport CEO, gave an update of Airport activities and answered questions.

The presentation can be seen at the following link:

[http://leelanau.gov/downloads/tvc\\_nraa\\_annual\\_report\\_sept\\_2023.pdf](http://leelanau.gov/downloads/tvc_nraa_annual_report_sept_2023.pdf)

Presentation on Airspace Zoning:

Bob Nelesen, Airport Engineer, and Jennifer Moore, Planning and Zoning Specialist of the Michigan Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics, gave a presentation on Airspace Zoning, and answered questions.

The presentation can be seen at the following link:

[http://leelanau.gov/downloads/airportzoningjmtg\\_20240313.pdf](http://leelanau.gov/downloads/airportzoningjmtg_20240313.pdf)

Consideration of Intent to Appoint Joint Airport Zoning Board Member(s):

[http://leelanau.gov/downloads/airport\\_zoning\\_act\\_next\\_steps\\_jmtg\\_20240313.pdf](http://leelanau.gov/downloads/airport_zoning_act_next_steps_jmtg_20240313.pdf)

Klein stated that a request would be sent out from the Airport Authority to both Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties regarding their interest to appoint a Joint Airport Zoning Board.

Klein, Nelesen, and Moore answered questions from those in attendance.

General Public Comment:

None.

Member Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Ty Wessell, Chairman  
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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Alison Middleton, Administrative Deputy Clerk for  
Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk