# Airport Governance Advisory Committee Meeting

September 24, 2019





# Airport Governance Advisory Committee Agenda

- Roll Call
- Public Comment
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Today's Discussion
  - Outline of Governance Final Report
  - Schedule of Governance Final Report
- Invitation for Public Comment
  - Beginning April 30, 2019, the Committee has met to discuss the benefits and advantages of various airport governance models for the Cherry Capital Airport (TVC) in order to provide recommendations to the two Counties, which serve as the Airport's owners, on the best governance model available to operate the Airport.
  - As the Committee prepares its final report, the community is invited to provide feedback on this important topic.
- Adjournment

# Outline of Report

- Executive Summary
- History & Background
- Purpose & Goal of the Committee
- Research and Key Findings
  - AGAC Meetings and Discussions
- Stakeholder Input/Feedback
- Recommendation(s)

## **Executive Summary**

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- Highlights the key aspects of the report
- Provides history of the Airport
- Gives summary of AGAC meetings
- Reports AGAC final recommendation(s)

# **History & Background**

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- Airport Established in 1935 by Traverse City
- Airport transferred to U.S. Government in 1942
- Airport transferred back to Traverse City in 1949
- Airport identified as a regional asset & NRAC Formed in 1971
- Traverse City leaves NRAC in 1990
- Leelanau County inquired about alternative governance in 1995
- NRAC commissioned a Strategic Planning process in 2017
- NRAC Board forms the AGAC in 2019 to review governance

## Purpose & Goal of the Committee

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- Serve in an advisory capacity and discuss ongoing research into airport governance models
- Assist with coordination among County governments and administrative bodies to advance any changes deemed necessary for the operation of the Cherry Capital Airport (TVC)

# Research & Key Findings/AGAC Meetings

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#### April

 History of Airport; Current Governance Model; Conditions of Agreement; MI Act 327 of 1945 Chapter VII

#### May

Airport governance in MI; Airport governance nationally; FAA governance playbook

#### June

Stakeholder values; Commissions & Authorities (Advantages & Disadvantages)

#### July

• Stakeholder values, Part 2; Authority Advantages & Disadvantages, Part 2

#### August

 TVC governance transfer process; Key documentation supporting FAA requirements; Reporting process to Airport Commission and Counties

#### September

Outline of report; Public invitation to comment

# Stakeholder Input/Feedback

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- Reduced liability, both short term and long term
- Public transparency, accountability, and input
- Greater regional perspective
- Greater business focus and efficient operations
- Clear and modernized legislation, including airport zoning
- Safety mechanisms to protect the Airport for the Community
- Promotion of Airport as a regional economic asset

## Recommendation

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 Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties should join together to pass a resolution re: the intent to form a Regional Airport Authority under Michigan Act 327 of 1945 Chapter VIIA, otherwise known as the Regional Airport Authority Act.

## Schedule



# Discussion

Q&A

Next Meeting

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# Thank You





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