

**Minutes of the May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting of the
Michigan City Aviation Board of Commissioners**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by T.Y. Okosun at 3:00 P.M.

Members Present: T.Y. Okosun, Kirk Hunter, Jeff Barlett, Greg Poulin. **A quorum was present.**

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jessica Ward- Airport Manager

Minutes: The minutes of the April 16, 2026, regular monthly meeting, were emailed.

Motion to Approve: Greg Poulin **Second:** Kirk Hunter **Motion Approved.**

Reports:

Financial- Reported by Jessica Ward:

Account Balances: Electric and gas is \$442.76 over our monthly projected budget at this point in the year. We have used 81% of our building supplies account funds. This is due to the purchase of two 50-gallon drums of weed killer for the perimeter fence line, and AWOS site. The SRE fence project has been completed and that invoice is on this claims docket.

Fuel Sales: Overall, we sold 1,819 gallons of 100LL, 6,029 gallons of Jet A and 217.2 gallons of UL-94 in April. Fuel gallons sold are up 81% year-to-date in 2026 compared to 2025. Current fuel prices are \$4.87 for self-service avgas, \$5.02 for full-service avgas, \$5.64 for self- and full-service Jet A and \$6.45 for self-service UL-94.

Airport Manager Report- Reported by Jessica Ward:

1. **Summer Events:** The airport is partnering with the Michigan City Aviators to have a float in the 4th of July Parade this year on Saturday June 27th. FOP Fly-In Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday June 28 from 7am to 12pm. Lastly, 2nd annual Airport Day will be on Sunday July 12.
2. **Land Lease Rent Invoices:** Annual invoices for land lease rent went out last month. Hangar inspections will start next month.
3. **Hangar Waitlist:** Taggart Aviation, which owns one of the commercial t-hangar buildings out here has a new website so pilots can join a hangar wait list. There has been a wait list for hangars at MGC for years, but it was always a handwritten list. The website is mchangar.com.
4. **Hangar Build A4-15:** Construction on a privately owned new box hangar has started. This hangar building should be completed this year.

Airport Development- Reported by Jessica Ward:

1. **Improve Runway 02/20 RSA/RPZ/ RWY Extension:** The FAA program manager informed us that this project is not competing for discretionary funding this year.
2. **Runway Crack Sealing and Surface Coat Project:** One year project warranty inspection is scheduled on June 2, 2026, at 11am.
3. **Fuel Farm:**
 - a. Award the Jet A and 100LL Fuel System project for the value engineered bid submitted by Hoosier Equipment Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,145,759.00 with federal wage rates and provisions:
Motion to Approve: Greg Poulin **Second:** Jeff Bartlett **Motion Approved.**
 - b. Airport is currently working with the FAA project manager to confirm the dollar amount that is eligible for the fuel farm project and will submit that dollar amount on a FY 2026 FAA grant application for the Jet A and 100LL Fuel System project after we receive that confirmation.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **2026 Cash Farm Lease for Joe Walterhouse to hay ground north and east of runway:** Halderman has solicited interested farmers in mowing for hay on the north and east side of the runway. Joe Walterhouse will be

the farmer mowing hay this year and will pay the airport \$40 per acre for 65.35 acres for a total of \$2,614.00. Halderman has drafted the cash farm lease which has incorporated the airport's previous mowing for hay lease language as well as Halderman's cash farm lease language. This will be a 1-year lease.

Motion to Approve: Jeff Bartlett Second: Kirk Hunter Motion Approved

Claims Docket: Amount: \$65,341.43


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Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Scott Meland complimented the airport board and airport manager for being competent and having good governance. He stated an example of excellent governance was the airport manager saving \$100,000 with value engineering for the fuel system project and saving the city budget on that. He stated the runway was just crack sealed last year and the fuel farm is in the process of being replaced, which is not deferred maintenance but is staying on top of the job and how you are supposed to do it in city government. He stated people need to understand when something good is being done in the city and he applauds the board and, particularly Jessica, who puts more than 8 hours a day in, but also puts her heart into it, and it shows.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

Motion: Greg Poulin Second: Kirk Hunter Motion Approved.

Minutes Approved:  Approval Date: 6/18/26

T.Y. Okosun : BOAC President- Michigan City Municipal Airport