



# Owosso Community Airport

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Shiawassee Airport Board

**Richard Musson, Chair**—Shiawassee County  
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**Chuck Kerridge**——City of Corunna  
**Bob Ardelean** ——Owosso Charter Township  
**Julie MacKay**——Airport Pilot Rep.  
**Garry Csapos, Secretary**——Airport Manager

## SHIAWASSEE AIRPORT BOARD

Regular Meeting of January 10, 2019  
Airport Terminal

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

**Approved February 14, 2019**

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Roll Call

#### Members Present

Richard Musson  
John Challenger  
Chuck Kerridge  
Richard Ebert  
Bob Ardelean  
Garry Csapos  
Julie MacKay

Shiawassee County  
Caledonia Charter Township  
City of Corunna  
City of Owosso  
Owosso Charter Township  
Airport Manager/Secretary  
Airport Pilot Rep.

Members Absent: none, all present

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by John Challenger supported by Chuck Kerridge.  
Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of December 13th, 2018 Meeting: Motion to approve by Chuck Kerridge supported by John Challenger.  
Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

a. none

### COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Julie MacKay- Airport Pilot Rep. Julie informed every one about the Bill Burns tragedy.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Garry Csapos presented the financial report showing prepaid bills of \$2,169.34 for January 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. A report from the Shiawassee County Financial Administrator shows a cash Trial Balance of \$51,358.95 ending Decenmer 31, 2018. The AvFuel credit balance ending December 31, 2018 was not available. Total revenue deposited for the month of December 2018 was \$15,445.00.

Motion to accept the bills as presented by Richard Ebert and supported by Bob Ardelean.  
Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### MANAGERS REPORT:

Garry Csapos reported that fuel sales so far for the month of January 2019 is 1,004.43 gallons. Total fuel sales for the year 2018 was 38,096.53 gallons. That was 2,632.62 gallons less than the year 2017. Saturday 29, 2018 was a tragic day for the Owosso Community Airport family as long time friend, fellow pilot and flight Instructor William Burns passed away due to an airplane crash at Showboat Park in Chesaning. Bill Burns was a flight instructor for many decades and there is hardly a pilot in the Owosso area that has not flown with Bill at some time or other. He will be missed. Local pilot Kevin Palmateer (not in attendance) suggested that when and if we get a new terminal building that we name it after Bill Burns. All of the land lease invoices for 2019 have been completed and put in the mail. Anyone interested in attending the Michigan Airport Conference should contact the airport manager so reservations can be made.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Richard Musson reported that the airport attorney is moving forward to serve the individual who has not been paying his land lease for his airplane hangar. We have posted that the airport will be taking control of the hangar. The individual with property in the hangar has also been contacted and has not responded. We will probably sell the hangar and the property inside.
- b. Ron Jones was injured and not able to attend the board meeting. The Thunderbird Aviation proposal for use of the Sascon building office area will be addressed at a future meeting.
- c. Rick Musson reviewed some changes made to the hunting rules on the airport limiting it to only two people hunting at a time and minors must be supervised. No archery hunting within 70 feet of the river trail and no fire arm hunting allowed within 200 feet of the river trail. Other rules regarding blinds, tree stands and vehicles are addressed. A copy of the rules is available at the airport office. Garry Csapos played a recording of a complaint left on the answering machine at the airport office. The person who left the message claims of being harassed by someone who has permission to hunt on the airport. The caller claimed he told the hunter he is too close to the houses to hunt when the encounter occurred. Airport officials have made contact with the person making the complaint. Rick exclaimed he would like to have hunting on the airport to keep the deer moving. We will discuss airport hunting again at the February meeting. Board members listened to comments from several people attending the meeting. Ron Hassee expressed concern of repeated problems with hunters. Ryan Bailey recommended a zero tolerance for hunters breaking the hunting rules. Chuck Kerridge was in favor of no firearm hunting west of runway 6/24. Conservation Officer Katie Stawara pointed out that the house across the river that was hit was the result of a deer drive. She suggested that there be a rule of no deer drives with fire arms allowed. Randall Bailey responded that the real issue is common sense and that a previous hunter in question has been the problem and should not be allowed to hunt on the airport any more. Katie Stawara said there could be safety concerns with the behavior of a hunter on the airport. Richard Ebert stated there should be zero tolerance for aggressive behavior with a fire arm. Rick said there will be no hunting on the airport until this issue is resolved. Julie MacKay asked questions about the description of the vehicle mentioned by the people who made the complaints. Katie stated that it is important to follow the law in regard of the complaints. John Challender and Rick Musson will be meeting with the hunter in question on the airport who appears to be associated with the complaints. There also will be no trapping allowed on the airport until these issues are resolved. Ron Hassee asked if the complaints received at the managers office were from area citizens. Garry Csapos answered yes and they were recent complaints. Steve Polen who has hunted on another airports says it is a privilege to hunt on the airport and the airport has more liability with someone as described on the airport. Some hunters can be abusive and the airport should have zero tolerance for that kind of behavior. While hunting earlier this year he observed an airplane land just before dark and within ten minutes counted more than fifty deer on the airport. He also advocated the use of tree stands for fire arm hunting so you are shooting down. Ron hassee exclaimed that he would prefer eradication of the deer but Rick remarked that complete eradication was probably not realistic. The Board agreed to have two members the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet with the hunter in question and Katie Stawara suggested and agreed to attend that meeting. The hunter in question was invited to attend todays meeting and declined to attend. Rick said we have to do this the right way and we will have this resolved at the next Airport Board meeting.

**NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. none

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

- a. none

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a. **John Challender thanked all of the people that attended todays meeting for attending. Rick Musson asked for anyone who wishes to sign a sympathy card for Bill Burns family. He also gave a tribute to Bill Burns as one of the best pilots ever and was well respected and was a wonderful gentleman.**

**ADJOURN:**

**Motion to adjourn made by John Challander and supported by all present.**

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