



MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Anchorage Fire Training Center, 1140 Airport Heights Rd., Bldg. C, Rm 9
Anchorage, Alaska

The Purpose of the MAAAC is to advise and make recommendations to the Assembly and the Administration regarding the Airport budget and operations.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Karl Kisser called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Karl Kisser - Acting Chair
John Pratt
Marty Edwards
Dave Frazier

Quorum met

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Stormy Jarvis, Chair
Dan Owen, *Vice Chair*
Ransom Jones

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Earl Malpass, Airport Manager
Julie Hixenbaugh, Commission Secretary

2. Review & Approval – Meeting Agenda

MOTION

John Pratt moved to approve
Dave Frazier seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

3. Review & Approval - of the Minutes

MOTION

Karl Kisser moved to approve, May 1, 2025.
John Pratt seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

4. Informational Reports

A. Chair

- None

B. Airport Management PowerPoint (Exhibit A)

- Earl's FYI
- Community Relations
- MRI Awareness
- MRI Impact Study

- MRI Budget Status
- MRI “Annual Aviation Celebration”
- ATAAPS Ad Hoc
- Upcoming Events

Follow up discussions on Earl’s power point presentation:

- Scott McEwen - Presented follow-up data from the Aviation Celebration (**Exhibit B**) held on May 31, 2025.
- June 9th is the start date for the 7/25 runway rehabilitation.
- Solid Waste Services (SWS) will be responsible for overseeing and funding the two-year emergency order rehabilitation methane gas project on Merrill Field, with SCS Engineers serving as the contractor.

5. Organization Reports

A. MRI ATCT-

- Caleb Newville announced that runway construction is scheduled to commence on Monday, June 9, 2025.

B. AOPA-None

C. AACA-None

D. Anchorage Community Councils – Rogers Park Community Council

- Marshall Severson suggested having Annual Celebration tours be more upsized.

6. Old Business –

A. Runway 7/25 Rehabilitation Update-Erik Jordt (HDL) & Matt Wavra (QAP)

- The closure of runway 7/25 is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 9, at 5:00 PM, and will last for approximately 60 days.
- All materials have been procured for the project.
- Radio and newspaper advertisements have been developed to announce the runway closure.
- The traffic control plan has been established to ensure smooth operations.
- Website [MRI 07/25 RW Rehab CA](#) maintained by HDL, for current information.

Follow up discussions on HDL and QAP presentation:

- The taxiway plans have been published and are available on the website; a flyer will also be distributed via email. All have been NOTAMed.
- Graphics and charts are available on the [MRI 07/25 RW Rehab CA](#) website.

B. ATAAPS Ad Hoc Update – Marshall Severson

- Marshall provided a summary of the Ad Hoc Committee and the tasks assigned to them for review.
- They have requested to extend the Class D, tower airspace, over the southern part of Point Mackenzie so non-ADS-B aircraft can continue their transition within that airspace.
- The public input process will start in the fall.

Follow up discussions on ATAAPS Ad Hoc presentation:

- Earl discussed the near-miss data from the Anchorage Area Airspace.
- Following the completion of the ATAAPS, MRI is next in line for development of R-NAV approaches into Runways 16 and 25.

- Marty expressed concern that the limited airspace may adversely affect general aviation pilots without ADS-B, emphasizing that these pilots are a vital component of Merrill Field's success and should be fully acknowledged.
- The Economic Impact Study was conducted to assess Merrill Field's significance to the State of Alaska, as the previous study was completed 11 years ago.
- Crowley fuels is the only public refueling station to offer Jet A fuel on Merrill Field.
- Karl reminded the MAAAC group that public comments on the airspace reconfiguration will be welcomed later this fall.

7. Business Items – None

8. Public Comments-

- Al Merrill inquired whether any changes have been made to the gravel runway. Earl stated that it will be smoothed out and improved on the east end.

9. Commission Comments- None

10. Next Meeting Date

- ➔ MAAAC Meeting: Thursday, July 10, 2025, 12 PM
Anchorage Fire Department Training Center
1140 Airport Heights Road, Building C, Room 9

**11. Adjournment -
MOTION**

Marty Edwards moved to adjourn

Dave Frazier seconded the motion.

No objections were made, meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

EXHIBIT A

Merrill Field Airport Operations Report **June 5, 2025**



May's Operations Activity

Earl's FYI's –

- ALP "Patch" awaiting FAA's Response. Estimated completion by 1 May-July
 - HDL submitted on time. FAA Reviewing
- Runway 7/25 Rehab (MRI's role)
 - Receiving regular updates from HDL & QAP
 - Socializing to all communities complete.
 - Project start date is June 9th. 5:00 PM



May's Operations Report

Earl's FYI's - Continued

- Landfill Gas Mitigation:
 - Meetings with SWS Dept and their contractor (SCS) regarding Landfill Gas Collection System repair.
 - Project will take place over 2 years; Will require occasional, temporary, and select relocation of tiedowns in taxiway Q
 - Plans are being engineered now.
- Earl & Amy met w/ FAA Alaska Airport's team.
 - Discussions on a wide range of MRI projects, goals and concerns.
 - FAA Review of their records and MRI's revealed opportunities for improvement on both sides. More to come.
- Community Relations
 - All Community Council have been briefed at least once on runway rehab.



May's Operations Report

MRI "Annual Aviation Celebration"

2025 Aviation Celebration – Good responses. Good turnout. Well received.

MRI Budget Status:

- MRI 2025 "End of Month" budget - **As Expected at 41% YTD.**
- 2026 Budget in process.
 - MRI and MAAAC subcommittee met to review 2026 rate increase proposal.
 - Finalizing MRI's report, narrative, and recommendations
 - Rate increase presented to IEUOC. Requested full presentation.

ATAAPS Ad Hoc meetings

In progress. **Dan to Update**



May's Operations Report

Upcoming Events:

- Runway and light Construction: June 9th-August 2025
- ALP w/ IAP; Awaiting FAA Review
- Airport Gate & Security Environmental Grant (Apply 2025)
- Airport Master Plan – Phase I (2025)
 - On hold per FAA.



Merrill Field Aviation Celebration
2024 & 2025 Results

By the Numbers	July 27, 2024	May 31, 2025
Publicity	Email groups & a few Facebook pages	Many more email groups & Facebook pages, MRI AMO Website, The Big Alaska Show, KTUU (2 NBC), & community calendars
Attendance (est)	100-ish	Over 1000
Sponsors	5	13
Aircraft	12	22
Cars & Trucks	5	30
Exhibitors	15	30
Food Trucks	0	2
Airport Tours	0	5 for 100-ish guests

2025 - Sponsors			
Muni of Anchorage, Airport Manager's Office (Earl, Amy, staff)			
UAA Aviation Technology Center (Fred, Jonah, Mike, Dave H)			
Stoddard's (Jane Dubbins & Max Bolin)			
North Edge Hangars (Mike McNamara)			
BAC Transportation (Charlie Grimm & Sara Hines)			
Alaska DOT&PF (Troy LaRue & Dylan Blankenship)			
Alaska Airmen's Association (Priscilla Ribic, Ayesha Wise, NextGen)			
Alaskan Region, National Air Traffic Controllers Assoc (NATCA) (Jenny Bradshaw)			
Alaska Chapter 358, FAA Managers Association (FAAMA) (Caleb Newville)			
Northern Lights Avionics			
HDL Alaska			
QAP			
Alaska Regional Hospital			