



MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 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

Stormy Jarvis called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Stormy Jarvis, Chair
Dan Owen, *Vice Chair*
Karl Kisser
Marty Edwards
Ransom Jones

Quorum met

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

John Pratt

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Earl Malpass, Airport Manager
Julie Hixenbaugh, Commission Secretary

2. Review & Approval – Meeting Agenda

MOTION

Karl Kisser moved to approve February 5th agenda.
Dan Owen seconded the motion.
The board voted unanimously to approve.

3. Review & Approval - of the Minutes

MOTION

Stormy Jarvis moved to approve the November 6, 2025 and December 4, 2025 minutes
Dan Owen 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 Budget Status
- Upcoming Events

Follow up discussions on Earl's power point presentation:

- There have been no VPDs this year. MRI has improved from the second-worst position to 30th. Additional trespassing signs have been installed.
- The sand and deicer used by MRI are reported to not be non-corrosive.
- There are no after-hours NIL reports available for runway conditions.
- There were 3 aircrafts accidents, and 1 aircraft theft reported in January.

5. Organization Reports

A. MRI ATCT- Ben Dodd, ATC Manager, reported

- MRI tower hours will be reduced this summer due to staffing shortages, will notify the users on the field and will keep it consistent.
- The updated hours will be communicated shortly
- Joseph Gaona is the new union facility representative for the tower.
- ATC received a projected route for a hot air balloon route during Fur Rendezvous, it is in the developing stage.

B. AOPA-None

C. AACA-None

D. Anchorage Community Councils – None

E. MRI Aviation Celebration - Scott McEwen gave an update

- The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, 2026, with a footprint similar to last year's setup.
- The Commemorative Air Force - Alaska Wing, has generously sponsored the use of their 501(c)(3) organization to accept donations for the celebration, with a goal of at least \$10,000 in contributions.
- A dedicated children's area will be included.
- Increased publicity efforts will be implemented.
- Seeking to increase the number of hangar open house-style exhibitions.

6. Old Business –

A. None

7. New Business Items –

A. None

8. Public Comments-

- Marshall Severson would appreciate having the security cameras accessible to the users on the field.
- Al Merrill noticed MRI MX is starting to remove snow from leaseholders lots.

9. Commission Comments-

- None

10. Next Meeting Date

- ➔ MAAAC Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2026 12 PM
Anchorage Fire Department Training Center
1140 Airport Heights Road, Building C, Room 9

11. **Adjournment -
MOTION**

Marty Edwards moved to adjourn

Dan Owen seconded the motion.

No objections were made, meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

EXHIBIT A

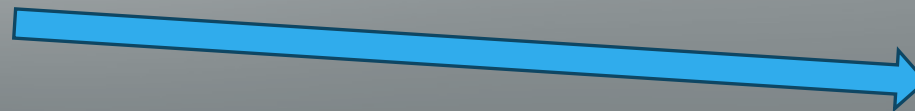
Merrill Field Airport Operations Report February 5, 2026



January's Operations Activity

Earl's FYI's –

- Runway **8/26** Rehab (MRI's role)
 - MRI/HDL issued a Winter Suspension for the project. Will inspect for settling and grass cover in Spring
 - CEA and FAA have failed to complete the final hook-ups for PAPI's and REIL's. Pushing harder.
 - MRI has no control over FAA or CEA
 - RW8 scheduled to have power – Mid-February (Flight check?)
 - RW26 scheduled to have power – Mid March (Flight check?)
- Runway **16/34** Numbers due to change – September 2026
- SREB Grant: Awaiting FAA review of MRI supplied data.
- New MRI Logo being used.



January's Operations Report

Earl's FYI's - Continued

- Landfill Gas Mitigation:
 - Restart: Spring 2026; SWS would like to meet w/MAAAC March/April (waiting on full plans)
- MRI Master Plan Status.
 - MRI Evaluation Panel has recommended a firm to Purchasing. Awaiting review and permission.
 - Negotiations will be next step.
- Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Grant.
 - Assembly approved; PO sent to vender. 500-day lead time.
- No movement on Unleaded AvGas transition grant from FAA
- Airport Maintenance is fully staffed, trained, and doing great.



EXHIBIT A

January's Operations Report

Community Relations

- Met with Airport Heights - January. Will meet with Fairview - February.
- DOT's H2H meeting for final proposal.
 - FAA & SWS dept has provided DOT with basic criteria to proceed.
- Aviation Celebration planning meetings have begun
 - Save the Date! Saturday, May 30th, 0900-1500 local.
- Master Plan will include robust user-group/public comment portion.
- MRI has posted and is interviewing for a Customer Service team member



MRI Budget Status:

- MRI 2025 "End of Year" budget - Revenues over Expenses.
- New rates, leases, rentals implemented.



EXHIBIT A

January's Operations Report

Upcoming Events:

- Airport Gate & Security Grant ; Environmental: Self pay
- Airport Master Plan – Phase I (Begin February/March 2026)
- Land Fill Gas mitigation Spring 2026
- Aviation Celebration May 30th, 2026

