

RESOLUTION # 25-2018

Resolution to name the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport Passenger Terminal the Robert G. Heck Passenger Terminal.

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.

WHEREAS, in the early 1970's Regional Airline North Central was making plans to enter the jet age with McDonald Douglas DC 9's; and

WHEREAS, the airline was meeting with communities informing them of upgrading into jet equipment in the future. They explained that runways needed be to lengthen and passenger terminals expanded to accommodate jet aircraft and future passenger demands. They also told those communities if they didn't their service would be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, North Central Airlines management shared the same office complex in Wausau with Mr. Heck. Robert was asked to make this happen in Rhinelander and he did.

WHEREAS, Bob became the Airport Commission Chair in October of 1975 and together with many industry experts spent countless hours in meetings planning and securing local, state, and Federal funding to build a new 14,000 square foot passenger terminal and a 6,800 foot primary runway.

WHEREAS, Bob took on the challenge and began this enormous task of expanding and modernizing the airport.

WHEREAS, Because of Bob's efforts the new runway was opened for service in August 1977 along with a new maintenance and Crash Fire Rescue facility.

WHEREAS, a state-of-art Instrument Landing System was installed that same year which lowered the minimums for aircraft to land safely and, in April 1979 the awarding winning passenger terminal was open for public use.

WHEREAS, Since Mr. Heck became Commission Chair over forty three years ago the airport has seen in excess of 38 million dollars in local, state, and Federal Grants. Included in those Grants were the World's first commercial Infrared Deicer, the U.S. first non-motorized disable passenger lift that worked on small regional aircraft, and a boarding bridge for regional aircraft so our customers enplane and deplane out of the weather we have in the northern Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, in recognition of his efforts Bob received Wisconsin Aviation Person of the Year and Wisconsin Aviation Lifetime Service Award. Under his guidance the airport received awards from the Federal Aviation Administration for Design, Art, and Architecture, Airport Safety Excellence, and two National Airport Snow and Ice Control.

WHEREAS, in recognition of all of Robert Heck's efforts to modernize and improve the Rhinelander-Oneida County airport it is recommended that the passenger terminal be re-named the Robert Heck passenger terminal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the passenger terminal at the Rhinelander-Oneida County airport be officially named the Robert G. Heck Passenger Terminal.

Vote Required: Majority = X 2/3 Majority = 3/4 Majority =

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt. Yes No as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, Date:

4/15/18

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51 Approved by the Administration Committee this 5th day of April, 2018.

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53 Consent Agenda Item: YES NO

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56 Offered and passage moved by:

_____	<u>D. J. [Signature]</u>
	Supervisor
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	Supervisor

68 _____ Ayes

69 _____ Nays

70 _____ Absent

71 _____ Abstain

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77 by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2018.

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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

_____ David Hintz, County Board Chair