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Kent County Board of Commissioners Appoints Airport Authority Board

KENT COUNTY – The Gerald R. Ford International Airport continues its transition to an Authority. Last month, the Board of Commissioners adopted Articles of Incorporation for the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority (GRFIAA). The Articles were submitted to the Secretary of State and upon their filing on September 2, 2015, the Authority was created. Today, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the GRFIAA Board members, effectively immediately:

- Roger Morgan, Elected Official - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2016)
- Ted Vonk, Elected Official - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2017)
- Dick Vander Molen, Elected Official - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2018)
- Steve Heacock - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2016)
- Floyd Wilson, Jr. - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2017)
- Birgit Klohs - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2018)
- David Slikkers* - (Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2017)

** Lives outside Kent County*

The County solicited the openings for the GRFIAA via www.accessKent.com. “I want to thank all who expressed interest, and thank the Commissioners who reviewed the applications and worked in the best interest of the new Authority,” said Dan Koorndyk, Kent County Board of Commissioners Chair. “Our Board felt as the Airport pursues authority governance, it would be best to allow for continuity, maintaining the members who serve on the Airport board at the present time.” The Authority Articles require the GRFIAA Board have seven members; no more than three can be elected officials, and at least one member shall be a resident of Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, or Ottawa counties. Members are appointed to three year terms, with initial terms staggered.

The Board also appointed members to the Friend of the Court Citizens’ Advisory Committee and the Board of Canvassers. There is still time for residents to apply for appointment to various boards, commissions, and committees in Kent County. Interested residents can check out openings and fill out an online application form via the County’s website at www.accessKent.com/boardappointments. Resumes and cover letters are encouraged and may be attached to the application. All Kent County residents are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is September 30, 2015.

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