

OGDENSBURG BRIDGE AND PORT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 – 5:00 PM

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Vernon D. Burns at 5:00 PM.
- II. Letters and Communications to the Board.
- III. Approval of Board Minutes:

-September 6, 2022
- IV. Reports
Presentations and Reports:
 1. Railroad Engineering Consultant Presentations
 - a) C&S
 - b) Erdman-Anthony
 2. Committee Reports:
 - a) Facilities Committee
 - b) Governance Committee
 - c) Finance Committee
 3. Reports:
 - a) Income/Expense Report
 - b) Bridge Traffic Report
 - c) Airport Activity
 - d) Port Activity Report
 - e) Building Occupancy Report
 - f) Industrial/Commercial Prospect Report
- V. Unfinished Business. None.
- VI. Business Items.
 - A. General Administration
 1. Approval of Remote Attendance Policy
 - B. Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge
 1. Approval of Lease Supplement No. 7 with NAC Logistics
 - C. Commerce Park
 1. Approval of Lease Agreement with Strader-Ferris International Limited
 - D. Ogdensburg International Airport
 1. Approval of Lease Agreement with General Services Administration (GSA) / Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

E. Port of Ogdensburg
None.

F. New York & Ogdensburg Railroad

1. Selection of Railroad Engineering Consultant
2. Approval of Easement Supplements No. 2 with SLIC Network Solutions

G. Other Such Matters

1. Approval of Engagement for Foreign-Trade Zone Legal Services with Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A

VII. Concluding Comments from Citizens, Board Members, and/or Authority Staff.

VIII. Next Meeting Dates:

November 10, 2022	Thursday	4:00 PM	_____	(Proposed)
December 15, 2022	Thursday	4:00 PM	_____	(Proposed)

IX. Adjournment

Dated: October 7, 2022



Patricia A. Nisco
Chief Financial Officer

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Board of Directors:

Mr. Vernon D. "Sam" Burns, Chairperson
Ms. Megan J. M. Whitton, Vice Chair
Mr. Christopher B. T. Coffin, Treasurer
Mr. David King, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Quirk-Pickman, Member
Ms. Nicole Terminelli, Member
Ms. Toni Kennedy, Member

Staff:

Mr. Steven J. Lawrence, Executive Director
Ms. Patricia A. Nisco, CFO
Mr. Anthony Adamczyk, Dir of Economic Development
Mr. James D. Chase, Director of Operations
Mr. Robert F. Mujica Jr., Division of the Budget
Ms. Karen Persichili Keogh, Secretary to the Governor

Press:

Mr. Tom Graser, WDT
Ms. Monica Sandreczki, North. Country Public Radio
Ms. Dawn Merz, Radio Station WNCQ/WPAC
WWNY TV-7
Mr. Jimmy Lawton, North Country Now
Mr. Jim Leven, Community Broadcasters

OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as of August 31, 2022

Current Assets:

Cash - Checking Accounts	\$ 384,381	
Cash - Reserves & Other Restricted Accounts	7,275,601	①
Cash - Security Deposits	68,991	
Accounts Receivable - Regular	307,217	
Accounts Receivable - Wind Turbine Project	1,342,517	
Grants Receivable	253,999	
Investments	-	
Inventories	69,827	
Prepaid Expenses	15,951	
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 9,718,484</u>	

Fixed Assets:

Land & Land Improvements	\$ 46,674,118
Buildings & Building Improvements	108,711,370
Machinery & Equipment	8,263,070
Vehicles	1,523,092
Furniture & Fixtures	142,506
Signage	181,132
Bond Issuance Costs - 2017 Series	193,578
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 165,688,866</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(72,527,252)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 93,161,614</u>

Other Assets: 1,923,361

Construction in Progress \$ 4,346,332 ②

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 109,149,792

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable - Regular	990,062	③
Accounts Payable - NYS Retirement	94,280	
Accounts Payable - All Project A/P	14,400	
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	\$ 846,464	
Accrued Expenses	28,891,070	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>30,836,276</u>	

Other General Liabilities 559,205

Long Term Liabilities

Long Term Portion of Long Term Debt	9,404,017
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>9,404,017</u>

Capital 68,350,293

TOTAL LIABILITIES 109,149,792

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Deferred Outflow - Future cash outlays - part of liabilities on current financials

Deferred Inflows - Acquisition of Net Asset by gov't entity that applies to future reporting period (grant \$)

OPEB - Other Post Employment Benefits: Other than pensions, benefits that state & local governments provide retired employees (health or disability insurance/life insurance/etc.)

① Restricted Accounts - Top 5 Bank Accounts	
Consolidated Reserve Fund - CBNA	6,110,889
Debt Service Reserve Fund - Wilmington Trust	501,545
Tompkins Trust Security Reserve Deposit	418,811

M&T Deposit-Bond Payment Reserve Funds	123,489
OBPA Aviation CC Account	50,568
	<u>7,205,303</u>
9 Additional Restricted Bank Accounts share the balance	70,298

Bond Principal & Interest Payment Deducted in July
 Airport Fuel Account & Airport Credit Card Account

② Construction in Progress - Top 4 Projects	
Airport MASLF	1,941,931
Harbor Deepening Project	1,175,322
Airport EA PH 1 Drainage & Terminal Area	426,833
Airport Terminal Project	216,507
	<u>3,760,593</u>
4 Additional Projects share the balance	585,739

③ Regular Accounts Payable - Top 5 Vendors	
Auburn Crane - Wind Turbine Projects	229,630
OMLC - Wind Turbine Projects	312,806
e-Transit: Monthly Maintenance Fees	101,016
Ascent Aviation	69,137
Excellus - Health Insurance	30,596
	<u>743,186</u>
Over 70 Additional Vendors share the balance	246,876

Paid in Full
 Paid in Full
 Current Balance: \$59,388
 Paid in Full
 Paid in Full

*Went from a 15 page \$1,098,742 A/P balance to a
 6 page \$160,379 A/P balance by 23 September*

OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY: AUGUST 2022 BUDGET TO ACTUAL

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Over/ (Under)	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/ (Under)
INCOME						
Bridge Revenue	293,514	298,254	4,740	1,347,355	1,402,247	54,892
Airport Revenue	37,156	39,583	2,427	174,219	235,756	61,537
Airport Revenue - Fuel Sales	24,003	93,666	69,663	111,967	223,571	111,604
Industrial Park Campus Revenue	79,883	94,044	14,161	401,024	388,268	(12,756)
Marine Terminal (Port) Revenue	67,361	169,546	102,185	255,963	331,468	75,505
Railroad Revenue	0	0	0	18,000	9,680	(8,320)
Wind Turbine Revenue	668,607	333,546	(335,061)	2,142,353	2,909,781	767,428
TOTAL INCOME	1,170,524	1,028,638	(141,886)	4,450,881	5,500,771	1,049,890
EXPENSES						
BRIDGE EXPENSE						
Salary Expense	110,540	103,916	(6,624)	552,698	496,616	(56,082)
Employee Benefits	57,862	30,869	(26,993)	289,312	203,320	(85,992)
Maintenance Expense	10,370	6,304	(4,066)	50,813	43,700	(7,113)
Bridge Maintenance Expense	3,333	1,019	(2,315)	16,665	4,570	(12,095)
Utility Expense	3,876	7,306	3,430	21,640	35,119	13,479
General Expenses	49,401	39,516	(9,885)	247,005	217,032	(29,973)
Legal Expense	6,500	8,302	1,802	32,500	43,559	11,059
TOTAL BRIDGE EXPENSES	241,882	197,231	(44,651)	1,210,632	1,043,916	(166,716)
AIRPORT EXPENSE						
Salary Expense	27,861	28,358	497	139,303	129,176	(10,127)
Employee Benefits	11,308	8,127	(3,181)	56,538	49,140	(7,398)
Maintenance Expense	4,421	6,591	2,170	22,104	27,292	5,188
Fuel Sales Expense	13,200	105,016	91,816	69,300	272,370	203,070
Utility Expense	3,913	7,147	3,235	21,845	31,283	9,438
General Expenses	65,476	479,823	414,347	291,668	699,048	407,380
Interest Expense	42,177	43,539	1,362	212,186	217,703	5,517
Legal Expense	5,000	2,980	(2,020)	25,000	11,471	(13,529)
TOTAL AIRPORT EXPENSES	173,355	681,582	508,227	837,945	1,437,483	599,538
INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPENSE						
Salary Expense	1,308	3,269	1,961	6,538	15,528	8,990
Employee Benefits	455	312	(143)	2,273	2,429	156
Maintenance Expense	340	2,760	2,420	14,938	14,132	(806)
Utility Expense	2,137	8,516	6,379	11,932	24,030	12,098
General Expenses	3,213	94	(3,119)	16,067	10,003	(6,064)
Interest Expense	0	11	11	0	1,009	1,009
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPENSES	7,452	14,962	7,510	51,748	67,131	15,383
MARINE TERMINAL (PORT) EXPENSE						
Salary Expense	29,005	4,947	(24,058)	145,025	43,062	(101,963)
Employee Benefits	12,857	4,533	(8,324)	64,284	39,491	(24,793)
Maintenance Expense	9,544	13,971	4,427	46,527	70,949	24,422
Utility Expense	2,570	4,512	1,942	14,349	21,737	7,388
General Expenses	24,795	(527,829)	(552,624)	123,977	62,744	(61,233)
Interest Expense	0	0	0	0	369	369
Legal Expense	0	0	0	0	13,934	13,934
TOTAL MARINE TERMINAL EXPENSES	78,771	(499,865)	(578,636)	394,161	252,286	(141,875)
WIND TURBINE EXPENSE						
Salary Expense	91,580	42,001	(49,579)	419,000	385,349	(33,651)
Maintenance Expense	239,580	105,452	(134,128)	1,114,154	1,164,197	50,043
Management & General Expenses	137,775	535,737	397,962	632,466	535,737	(96,729)
TOTAL WIND TURBINE EXPENSES	468,935	683,190	214,255	2,165,620	2,085,283	(80,337)
RAILROAD EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	480	480
BORDER STATION EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	970,395	1,077,100	106,704	4,660,106	4,886,579	226,473
OPERATING INCOME (Net Gain/(Loss))	200,129	(48,462)		(209,225)	614,192	
CRRSA/ARPA ACT Reimbursements	130,000	198,983	68,983	349,154	601,995	252,841
OPERATING INCOME (Net Gain/(Loss))	330,129	150,521		139,929	1,216,187	

Sept 1 - Sept 30	Auto Crossings			All Other Crossings			Total Crossings			Revenue	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>% Chg</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>%Chg</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>%Chg</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2019</i>
	32,805	51,320	-36.08%	5,822	6,582	-11.55%	38,627.00	57,902.00	-33.29%	107,642.00	189,000.25

Sept 1 - Sept 30	Auto Crossings			All Other Crossings			Total Crossings			Revenue	
	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>% Chg</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>%Chg</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>%Chg</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
	32,805	8,656	278.99%	5,822	5,667	2.74%	38,627.00	14,323.00	169.69%	107,642.00	30,285.50



Passenger Activity Report
2022
SkyWest/Contour

	Flights	Enplaned	Flt. Load	Non Rev.	Flt. Load	Deplaned	Non Rev.	Total
SkyWest								
Jan	45	608	27%	19	28%	620	23	1270
Feb	38	758	40%	14	41%	699	13	1484
March	31	703	45%	15	47%	657	22	1404
April	33	557	33.75%	18	34.84%	793	10	1378
May	47	851	36.00%	35	37.70%	882	30	1798
June	45	721	32.00%	14	32.66%	859	20	1614
Totals	239	4198	35.00%	115	36.00%	4510	118	8941
Contour								
July	52	692	44%	0	44.00%	674	0	1366
Aug	53	732	46.00%	0	46.00%	723	0	1455
Sept	50	561	37.00%	0	37.00%	559	0	1120
Oct								
Nov								
Dec								
2022 Total	394	6183		115		5792	118	
2021 Total	613	10292				5184		
2020 Total	548	4279						
2019 Total	806	12115						

2020 Enplanements with Allegiant 8944
2019 Enplanements with Allegiant 22438

	Flights	Enplaned	Flt. Load	Deplaned	Total
2020	41	4665	64%	4774	9439
2019	84	11268	76%	17561	28829

PORT ACTIVITY REPORT

SEPTEMBER



ALGOMA COMPASS DISCHARGING 25,000 SHORT TONS OF ROAD SALT 9/14/22

GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Customer	Commodity	Date	Inbound Truck(ST)	Outbound Truck(ST)	Inbound Rail	Daily Comments
NO GRAIN		1-Sep				1 SBS/ 3 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	2-Sep			95.9	2 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Pellets	2-Sep			96.08	
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	6-Sep		32.39		2 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Pellets	6-Sep		29.95		
Ingredion	Gluten Pellets	7-Sep		42.5		3 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	8-Sep			81.23	1 SBS/2 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	9-Sep		18.13		2 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Pellets	12-Sep		30.44		1 maxam
NO GRAIN		13-Sep				1 SBS/ 1 Maxam
Gluten Meal		14-Sep		36.9		1 maxam
NO GRAIN		15-Sep				1 maxam
NO GRAIN		16-Sep				
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	19-Sep		37.92		
NO GRAIN		20-Sep				1 Maxam
NO GRAIN		21-Sep				1 Maxam
NO GRAIN		22-Sep				1 Maxam
NO GRAIN		23-Sep				1 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	26-Sep		68.51		2 SBS/ 1 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Pellets	26-Sep			79.83	
Ingredion	Gluten Pellets	27-Sep			88.38	1 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	28-Sep			91.28	3 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	29-Sep		31.62		1 SBS/2 Maxam
Ingredion	Gluten Meal	29-Sep			270.08	1 SBS/2 Maxam
			TOTAL	328.36	802.78	



**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
BUILDING OCCUPANCY REPORT
October 11, 2022**

Commerce Park Campus

<i>Building</i>	<i>% Occupied</i>	<i>Total SF</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Occupied</i>	<i>Tenant</i>
1	96%	30,000	1,177	7,658	Strader Ferris
				7,356	Lincare
				3,626	AB Thermal Technology
				500	West End Asset Management
				424	Miracle Ear / Quality Hearing
				211	KDM Analytics
				187	Nova Networks
				103	LiveFast Motors
				8,758	Non-Rentable
3	100%	15,000	0	10,000	NAC Logistics
				4,860	AN Deringer
				140	Non-Rentable
4	64%	20,000	7,286	10,143	Strader Ferris
				1,235	Day Automation
				1,061	T-Base Communications
				275	Non-Rentable
6	100%	30,000	0	28,825	Strader Ferris
				1,175	Non-Rentable
11	50%	40,000	20,000	20,000	Canexsys
12	100%	11,200	0	8,776	T-Base Communications
				2,424	NYS Legal Service
14	100%	24,000	0	23,220	Med-Eng
				780	Non-Rentable
	83%	170,200	28,463	141,737	

Bridge Administration Building

<i>Suite</i>	<i>% Occupied</i>	<i>Total SF</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Occupied</i>	<i>Tenant</i>
BAB	100%	5,284	0		
103				536	OBPA Economic Development
104				1,054	SUNY IT
201A				120	Demers, Inc.
201B				140	Cortech/Penski
201C				368	Mack Global Engineering
204				1,689	Stephens Media Group
205				207	Griffith/Lambert
206				182	Griffith/Lambert
207A				170	Dan Dodge
207B				220	OBPA Executive Director
208				126	Barbara Pleet
209				180	Knudsen Systems
210				292	Glenda Jones
	100%	5,284	0	5,284	

Port of Ogdensburg

<i>Building</i>	<i>% Occupied</i>	<i>Total SF</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Occupied</i>	<i>Tenant</i>
P2	100%	30,000	0	30,000	Compass Minerals/Thawrox
P3	100%	20,000	0	19,607	Grain Storage
				393	NYOG Office
P4	100%	15,000	0	15,000	Corning
P5	33%	40,000	26,667	13,333	Grain Storage
P6	100%	20,000	0	20,000	Grain Storage
P8	100%	23,000	0	23,000	Grain Storage
	82%	148,000	26,667	121,333	

Airport

<i>Building</i>	<i>% Occupied</i>	<i>Total SF</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Occupied</i>	<i>Tenant</i>
Terminal	100%	10,800	0	10,800	TSA/Contour
Hangar	100%	3,672	0	3,672	Used for OGS Equipment Storage
T-Hangar	81%	11,550	2,144		
1				1,036	Robertson
2				1,108	Richardson
3				1,036	Proven
4				1,036	Phillips
5				1,036	Mueller
6				1,036	Bogardus
7				0	Vacant
8				1,036	Tate Jr.
9				0	Vacant
10				1,036	Richardson
				1,046	Mechanical / Operations Storage
	92%	26,022	2,144	23,878	

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 11, 2022, BOARD MEETING**

Agenda Item A. General Administration

1. Approval of Remote Attendance Policy

REPORT:

The Governance Committee met on 10/04/2022 and discussed requirements for remote attendance under Public Officers Law § 103-a, with guidance from Counsel. After thorough review the Committee recommended that the attached policy be put before the Board of Directors for approval.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority does hereby approve the attached Remote Attendance Policy.

INITIATOR/PREPARER: Steven J. Lawrence/A.M. Grabetz APPROVED BY: 

MOTION PASSED BY: _____ Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____ Abstained By: _____

1. **Intent.** It is the intent of this policy to give the members of the board of directors and committees of the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Authority's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.
2. **Scope.** These procedures apply to all meetings of the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority and its committees.
3. **Public Attendance.** Except for such meetings or portions of meetings that are legally permitted to be closed to the public, the public shall be permitted to attend any meeting at the publicly noticed physical location for such meeting. At any meeting at which the public is permitted to participate, the public may also attend and participate via videoconferencing.
4. **Member Remote Attendance.** Members may attend and participate at meetings remotely via videoconferencing provided that:
 1. A quorum of the body is present at the publicly noticed physical location for such meeting, or if quorum cannot be constituted without the Member participating remotely, such Member's location shall be published and open to the public; and
 2. The Member makes a request to the officiating officer of the Board of Directors or Committee, or to the Executive Director explaining the extraordinary circumstances which preclude their in-person attendance, including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event; and
 3. Such request is approved by such officiating officer or the Executive Director.
5. **Record of Remote Attendance.** The approval of any member's remote attendance shall be made part of the record for such meeting, with a statement identifying the member and the officiating officer or Executive Director who gave such approval. Where a vote is taken, it shall be clearly recorded which members, if any, voted remotely.
6. **Powers Reserved.** The Chair of the board of directors reserves the power to waive the in-person requirements for any or all of the meetings of the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority and its committees during a state disaster or local state of emergency declaration if the Chair determines that

the circumstances necessitating such declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Authority to hold an in-person meeting

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

**Agenda Item B. Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge
1. Approval of Lease Supplement No. 7 with NAC Logistics**

REPORT:

Staff has negotiated Lease Supplement No. 7 with NAC Logistics for a section of parking lot at the Bridge Administration Building for a four (4) month term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating February 28, 2023 at a rate of \$400.00 per month equaling \$1,600.00 for the four (4) month term.

All other terms and conditions of the original Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute Lease Supplement No. 7 with NAC Logistics for a section of parking lot at the Bridge Administration Building for a four (4) month term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating February 28, 2023 at a rate of \$400.00 per month equaling \$1,600.00 for the four (4) month term, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the original Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.

INITIATOR/PREPARER: Anthony Adamczyk/A.M. Grabetz APPROVED BY:



MOTION PASSED BY: _____ Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____ Abstained By: _____

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

Agenda Item C. Commerce Park

1. Approval of Lease Agreement with Strader-Ferris International Limited

REPORT:

Staff has negotiated a new Lease Agreement with Strader-Ferris International Limited for 20,000 square feet of warehousing and distribution space in Building 11 of the Commerce Park Campus for a four (4) year term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating October 31, 2026 at a rate of \$5.20 per square foot equaling \$8,667.00 per month, \$104,000.00 per year. Lease rate is subject to a three (3) percent escalation each year during the term of the lease. Strader-Ferris International Limited has the ongoing option to renew the lease for additional four (4) year terms. Strader-Ferris International will also be responsible for its pro-rated share of utilities.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute a new Lease Agreement with Strader-Ferris International Limited for 20,000 square feet of warehousing and distribution space in Building 11 of the Commerce Park Campus for a four (4) year term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating October 31, 2026 at a rate of \$5.20 per square foot equaling \$8,667.00 per month, \$104,000.00 per year, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease rate is subject to a three (3) percent escalation each year during the term of the lease, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Strader-Ferris International Limited has the ongoing option to renew the lease for additional four (4) year terms, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Strader-Ferris International Limited will be responsible for its pro-rated share of utilities.

INITIATOR/PREPARER: Anthony Adameczyk/A.M. Grabetz APPROVED BY: 

MOTION PASSED BY: _____ Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____ Abstained By: _____

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
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Agenda Item D. Ogdensburg International Airport

1. Approval of Lease Agreement with General Services Administration (GSA) /
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

REPORT:

Staff has negotiated a new Lease Agreement with General Services Administration (GSA) / Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for 508 square feet of office, breakroom, and private screening space at the Ogdensburg International Airport (OGS) for a ten (10) year term commencing October 7, 2022 and terminating October 6, 2032 at a rate of \$25.59 per square foot equaling \$1,083.31 per month, \$12,999.72 per year for years one (1) through five (5), and a rate of \$28.66 per square foot equaling \$1,213.27 per month, \$14,559.28 per year for years six (6) through ten (10). GSA / TSA will be granted one (1) secured parking space for federal vehicles and has the right, in years six (6) through ten (10), to terminate the Lease Agreement by providing written notice 120 days in advance of desired termination date.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute a new Lease Agreement with General Services Administration (GSA) / Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for 508 square feet of office, breakroom, and private screening space at the Ogdensburg International Airport (OGS) for a ten (10) year term commencing October 7, 2022 and terminating October 6, 2032 at a rate of \$25.59 per square foot equaling \$1,083.31 per month, \$12,999.72 per year for years one (1) through five (5), and a rate of \$28.66 per square foot equaling \$1,213.27 per month, \$14,559.28 per year for years six (6) through ten (10), and be it;

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INITIATOR/PREPARER: Anthony Adamczyk/A.M. Grabetz APPROVED BY: 

MOTION PASSED BY: _____ Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____ Abstained By: _____

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 11, 2022, BOARD MEETING**

Agenda Item F. New York & Ogdensburg Railroad
1. Selection of Railroad Engineering Consultant

REPORT:

The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority solicited a Request for Qualifications for a Consulting Engineer for the New York & Ogdensburg Railroad for a five-year period.

Proposals were received and opened on August 26, 2022. These proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the Authority staff and Facilities Committee.

It is the Committee's recommendation that ----- be awarded the Railroad Engineering Consultant contract.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority does hereby select ----- as the Authority's Consulting Engineer for the next five-year period for the Port of Ogdensburg.

INITIATOR/PREPARER: Steve Lawrence /A.M. Grabetz APPROVED BY: 

MOTION PASSED BY: _____ Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____ Abstained By: _____

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

Agenda Item F. New York & Ogdensburg Railroad

2. Approval of Easement Supplements No. 2 with SLIC Network Solutions

REPORT:

Staff has negotiated six (6) Easement Supplements No. 2 with SLIC Network Solutions for easements located at various Authority railroad crossings, as further outlined below, for a five (5) year term commencing June 1, 2022 and terminating May 31, 2027 at a rate of \$2,600.00 for the five (5) year term.

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OR-188	County Route 30 – Town of Lisbon, NY
OR-189	Austin Ridge Road – Town of Norwood, NY
OR-190	Pray Road – Town of Lisbon, NY
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All other terms and conditions of the original Easement Agreements shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.

RESOLUTION:

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the original Easement Agreements shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed.

INITIATOR/PREPARER: Anthony Adamczyk/A.M. Grabetz APPROVED BY: 

MOTION PASSED BY: _____ Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____ Abstained By: _____

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

Agenda Item G. Other Such Matters

1. Approval of Engagement for Foreign-Trade Zone Legal Services with Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A.

REPORT:

Staff desires to engage with the law firm of Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., on an as-needed/as-desired basis for the specific purpose of general representation of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 118 matters including, but not limited to, updates to the Zone Schedule, FTZ Operations Agreements, Application Review and preparation, and questions as they arise. An attorney with extensive FTZ knowledge who worked with OBPA in the past has joined Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. and staff would like to continue to have access to his expertise. Staff intends to continue to utilize our current FTZ law firm Miller and Company as well, and have the flexibility to engage with either law firm. Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. will charge a discounted hourly rate of \$440 billed in six-minute increments when they are engaged to act on behalf of the OBPA.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Engagement for Legal Services with Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. at a discounted hourly rate of \$440 billed in six-minute increments when they are engaged to act on the behalf of OBPA.

INITIATOR/PREPARER: Anthony Adamczyk

APPROVED BY: 

MOTION PASSED BY: _____

Unanimous: Yes No

SECONDED BY: _____

Abstained By: _____



Ogdensburg Airport awarded \$18M for terminal building renovations, expansion

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – The Ogdensburg International Airport will receive \$18 million for the renovation and expansion of the terminal building as well as exterior improvements.

That's big news for the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority which operates the airport and has struggled in recent years due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19.

The \$18 million funding award will support the comprehensive reimagining of the Ogdensburg International Airport (OGS) Terminal Gateway, according OBPA CEO Steve Lawrence.

New York State grant funding will leverage funds provided through the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program and local funds and will allow the project to move forward expeditiously.

This project represents a unique opportunity to update OGS to create a better experience for passengers passing through and, at the same time, create a new community gathering space that can be used for a variety of purposes, he said.

In doing this, this project can change the paradigm for how an airport terminal in a small community can be utilized to benefit more than just those passengers passing through the facility, Lawrence said,

The successful completion of this project can transform the way small, upstate airports think about how best to expand in the future.

Moreover, for exterior improvements, the project will extend the entrance canopy; create an elongated curbside drop-off and pick-up area; and install solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations in the parking area. Lawrence said it's one more step in growing the city's air service.

"This project will build upon the \$26 million that has already been invested in the airfield and the terminal. This funding will allow OBPA to continue to drive economic development in Northern New York, promote growth at OGS, create a welcoming space for visitors, and provide Ogdensburg with a new community space. Arriving at the new OGS will provide a warm welcome to travelers, creating a positive first impression and a unique gateway experience into the North Country of New York State. I'm proud of this project and grateful to all involved in delivering this funding."

Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Board of Directors Chairman Vernon "Sam" Burns said Governor Hochul's announcement and support for OGS will spur further economic activity at the airport and in the region and fund work that will make the airport more competitive and attractive to travelers and businesses for years to come.

"OBPA is immensely appreciative of Governor Hochul, the New York State Department of Transportation, Greg Lancette, president of the Central & Northern New York Building Trades, and the many other officials and stakeholders that assisted in securing this funding," he said.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$230 million in awards to nine upstate airports for revitalization projects that reimagine and further modernize airports across upstate New York. This funding comes from the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition, a competitive solicitation which aims to promote, revitalize and accelerate investments in upstate commercial passenger service airports, helping to create airports for the 21st century.

The Governor made the announcement earlier today at Greater Binghamton Airport.

"Our upstate airports are our gateways to local economies and make lasting impressions, connecting New Yorkers and tourists to the beautiful destinations that the Empire State has to offer," Governor Hochul said. "By making critical investments to further modernize facilities across upstate New York, we are lifting upstate airports to new heights and providing a 21st century transportation experience that travelers expect and deserve."

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Ogdensburg airport will get \$18 million terminal expansion, exterior renovations

Sep 14, 2022



Passengers line up at Ogdensburg International Airport. Passenger experience is part of the improvements planned that will be funded by an \$18 million grant announced today. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority will get \$18 million to expand and renovate Ogdensburg International Airport (OGS).

The project will install innovative energy efficient technologies, upgraded security doors and sprinklers, new passenger information display systems, and improved wi-fi. It will also utilize design themes that reflect the airport's surrounding community and character.

The terminal expansion portion of the project entails the expansion of the lobby for check-in, ticketing and baggage drop, along with expansion of the TSA screening area, expansion of concessions space and creation of new space for large community events.



For exterior improvements, the project will extend the entrance canopy, create an elongated curbside drop-off and pick-up area and install solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations in the parking area.

OBPA officials said the \$18 million project “represents a unique opportunity” to update the airport and “create a better experience for passengers passing through and, at the same time, create a new community gathering space that can be used for a variety of purposes.”

“Governor Hochul’s announcement today and support for OGS will spur further economic activity at the airport and in the region and fund work that will make the airport more competitive and attractive to travelers and businesses for years to come,” OBPA Board of Directors Chairman Vernon D. “Sam” Burns said in a prepared statement. “OBPA is immensely appreciative of Governor Hochul, the NYS Department of Transportation, Greg Lancette, president of the Central & Northern New York Building Trades, and the many other officials and stakeholders that assisted in securing this funding.”

“This project will build upon the \$26 million that has already been invested in the airfield and the terminal,” OBPA Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence said in a prepared statement. “This funding will allow OBPA to continue to drive economic development in Northern New York, promote growth at OGS, create a welcoming space for visitors, and provide Ogdensburg with a new community space. Arriving at the new OGS will provide a warm welcome to travelers, creating a positive first impression and a unique gateway experience into the North Country of New York State. I’m proud of this project and grateful to all involved in delivering this funding.”

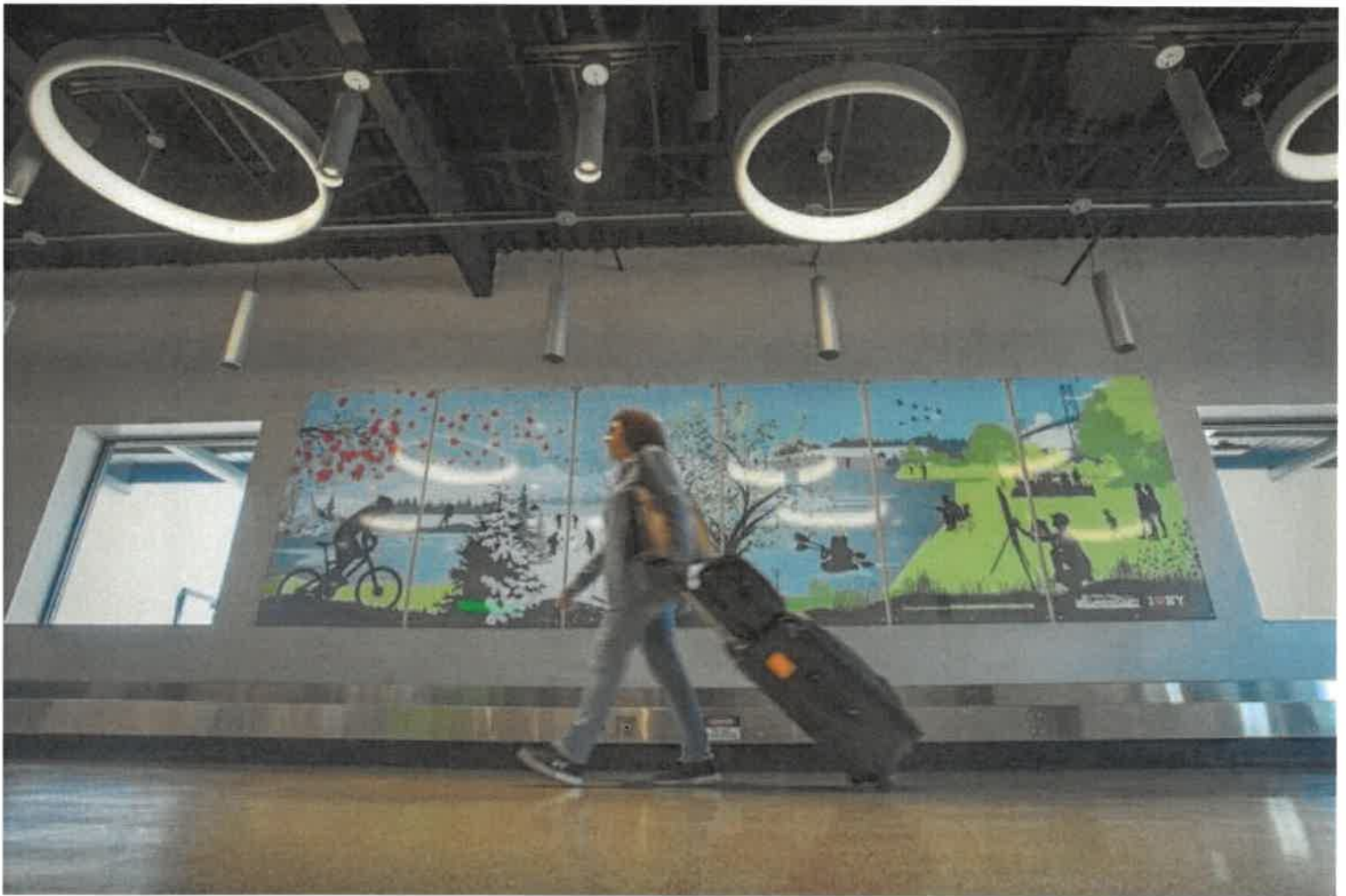
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Watertown, Ogdensburg airports awarded \$46 million from state for terminal expansions

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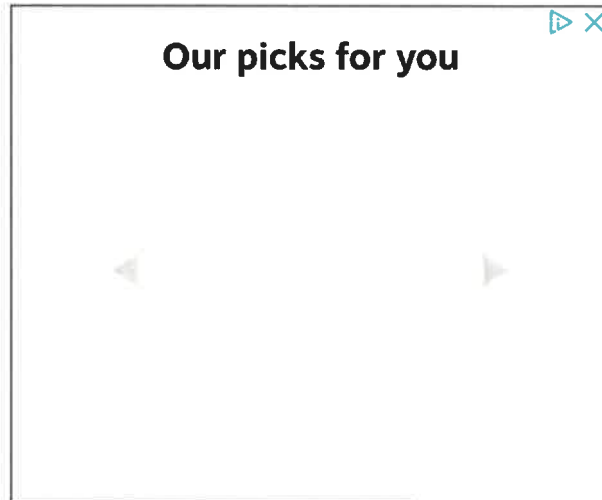


A passenger walks past a St. Lawrence County tourism mural in the baggage claim area at Ogdensburg International Airport Wednesday. A portion of the \$18 million in state funding the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is receiving will go toward terminal improvements. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

New York state has awarded \$28 million for a new terminal at Watertown International Airport and \$18 million to the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority to expand and renovate Ogdensburg International Airport.

Gov. Kathleen C. Hochul announced the projects and the accompanying funding Wednesday in Binghamton as part of \$230 million in state grant money to nine upstate airports for revitalization.

“Our upstate airports are our gateways to local economies and make lasting impressions, connecting New Yorkers and tourists to the beautiful destinations that the Empire State has to offer,” Gov. Hochul said in a statement. “By making critical investments to further modernize facilities across upstate New York, we are lifting upstate airports to new heights and providing a 21st century transportation experience that travelers expect and deserve.”



The project at Watertown International Airport will reconstruct and expand the airport’s 20,000-square-foot terminal at the facility in the town of Hounsfield. According to the governor’s office, the project will also include improvements to the Transportation Security Administration screening and baggage handling areas; installation of flight information displays and a visual paging system; construction of additional baggage claim space; construction of a new hold room with modern seating, charging stations, natural lighting and airfield views; and construction of flexible space for restaurant and classroom spaces available to the non-traveling public.

The project will also involve constructing a new jet bridge to accommodate additional aircraft types and improve customer boarding. To accommodate current and future airlines at the airport, additional ticketing counters will be installed. The project also includes installation of a dedicated rental car counter, the governor’s office said.

Ogdensburg airport manager Stephanie L. Saracco said there will be “a lot of upgrades — some you’ll see, some you won’t.”

“They’ll all enhance the customer experience at the airport,” she said.

The terminal renovation will add a convention center that can be used while the airport runs. It will be available to the public.

“There’s going to be expansion of terminal building, and there will be a public event center, room for that where it can be used simultaneously with the airport,” she said. “That area can be expanded and contracted, as necessary, for events or any other kind of public gathering. It will be done so that the airport will continue to operate as normal.”

Ms. Saracco added that an expanded terminal, “from ticketing to gate areas to baggage claim areas,” makes the experience easier for passengers going through the airport.

“It’s easy to navigate right now. It will become easier,” she said. “It has technological upgrades as far as Wi-Fi systems go, air cleaners to enhance our HVAC system for sanitizing the air.”

The interior terminal work upgrading the ventilation system is aimed at preventing the transmission of airborne germs.

“Things that have really come to light during COVID about sanitation of airports, and we’re going to try and use as much of that technology as we possibly can to enhance the safety of everyone in the building,” Ms. Saracco said.

Outdoors, the passenger pickup and drop-off area will be covered. She said they plan to “extend the canopy over the entrance to the airport, so when people either drop off or pick up passengers, they’re in a covered area, making it easier for folks to get in and out of the airport.”

There will also be upgraded security, floors and sprinklers, new passenger information display systems, and “design themes that reflect the airport’s surrounding community and character,” according to a news release from the governor’s office. Outside, electric vehicle charging stations will be installed in the parking area, and there will also be solar panels installed.

Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority officials say the \$18 million project “represents a unique opportunity” to update the airport and “create a better experience for passengers passing through and, at the same time, create a new community gathering space that can be used for a variety of purposes.”

The project “will spur further economic activity at the airport and in the region and fund work that will make the airport more competitive and attractive to travelers and businesses for years to come,” Vernon D. “Sam” Burns, chair of the OBPA board of directors, said in a statement.

He added that the authority is “immensely appreciative” of Gov. Hochul, the state Department of Transportation and Greg Lancette, president of the Central & Northern New York Building Trades, and other officials who assisted in securing the funding.

“This project will build upon the \$26 million that has already been invested in the airfield and the terminal,” OBPA Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence said in a statement. “This funding will allow OBPA to continue to drive economic development in Northern New York, promote growth at OGS, create a welcoming space for visitors, and provide Ogdensburg with a new community space. Arriving at the new OGS will provide a warm welcome to travelers, creating a positive first impression and a unique gateway experience into the North Country of New York State. I’m proud of this project and grateful to all involved in delivering this funding.”

St. Lawrence County Legislator Jan. E. Reagen, R-Ogdensburg, says he hopes the expansion will entice more travelers from the Ottawa region to fly in and out of Ogdensburg.

“I think it’s excellent they’ve been awarded this money. I’m hoping this will help the Ogdensburg International Airport become Ottawa’s second airport,” he said shortly after the governor’s office announced the \$18 million in funding. “We’re just a short distance down the road from Ottawa. We’re already seeing folks from Ottawa coming down using the Ogdensburg airport. Hopefully this will help make it possible for more people to come and use the Ogdensburg International Airport.”

The \$18 million comes from the state’s Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition. The governor’s office describes the program as “a competitive solicitation which aims to promote, revitalize and accelerate investments in upstate commercial passenger service airports, helping to create airports for the 21st century.”

State Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie, R-Heuvelton, said in a statement that she’s “thrilled” the two airports were picked for the funding.

“This important investment will take the Watertown and Ogdensburg International Airports to the next level, not only improving the travel experience for passengers, but also creating a domino effect that will boost the North Country economy,” she said. “I am grateful these airports were selected to receive funds and look forward to seeing how these changes help them reach new heights.”

“These funds will go a long way in upgrading the Ogdensburg International Airport and help attract more visitors to Northern New York. This is a win for the Maple City, its residents and the region’s economy,” Assemblyman Mark C. Walczyk, R-Watertown, said in an emailed statement.

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Afternoon flight schedule at Ogdensburg airport shifting three hours starting in October

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Afternoon flights in and out of Ogdensburg International Airport will be arriving and departing a little earlier in the day. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

OGDENSBURG — Starting Oct. 3, Contour Air will alter its afternoon flight schedule. The number of daily flights will remain the same, with the afternoon flight landing and taking off earlier.

“Morning and evening flights are going to remain the same. It’s a three-hour difference in departure in the afternoon,” Ogdensburg International Airport manager Stephanie L. Saracco said.

The first flight every day will remain the same — departing Ogdensburg at 8 a.m. and landing in Philadelphia at 9:30 a.m.

Every day, the evening flight will depart Philadelphia at 6:45 and land back in Ogdensburg at 8:15 p.m.



The change will happen in the afternoon on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Contour will depart Philadelphia at 10:30 a.m. and arrive in Ogdensburg at noon. At 1 p.m., a flight will depart from Ogdensburg and arrive in Philadelphia at 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Saracco said the afternoon changes are happening because Contour is “using the aircraft in another city.” She said the Ogdensburg schedule could slightly change again in early 2023, but there haven’t been any official decisions or announcements.

“It’s not going to change at least through the end of the year,” Ms. Saracco said. “(Contour) did say they might do what they call a winter schedule, and it may vary half an hour to an hour, but not much more than that.”

Contour Airlines started flights in and out of Ogdensburg in July after SkyWest Airlines pulled out. When SkyWest announced in January its intentions to leave Ogdensburg, company officials cited “navigating staffing challenges generated by a surge in COVID-19 cases” as the reason.

Several months later, SkyWest went from its contracted 12 flights per week to just four.

With Contour now a little over two months into flying in and out of Ogdensburg, Ms. Saracco said, “I believe Contour’s doing well and I hope folks continue to use it and use it often.”

She said the airline keeps a mechanic at the Ogdensburg airport, and that can reduce cancellations or delays.

“I do like the fact they have a mechanic here on sight. They make sure there’s a mechanic here seven days a week. If there’s a problem, you’re not looking at a long delay,” she said. “I think that’s great. It makes a big difference.”

Contour’s flights to and from Ogdensburg are federally subsidized by the Alternate Essential Air Service program, which pays airlines to fly in and out of small, rural airports, connecting them to larger hubs that they wouldn’t otherwise have access to.

Alternate Essential Air Service means the subsidy that would be paid directly to the carrier under the regular EAS program instead goes to the Ogdensburg airport. The airport, in turn, pays Contour based on performance.

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OBPA working out contract with state for use of \$18 million airport grant

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Passengers queue up at the Ogdensburg International Airport terminal earlier this year. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

OGDENSBURG — An Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority official anticipates the \$18 million project to upgrade Ogdensburg International Airport will take two years to complete. He expects to reach an agreement by November with the state Department of Transportation for planning how the money will be spent.

OBPA Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence told the authority's facilities committee this week that officials would go to Albany Wednesday afternoon to begin discussing a formal project agreement with the state DOT.

"We can't start anything until the grant has been approved. This is just pre-planning and ... looking at things coming at us," he said. "They put out a draft agreement. We look it over. If we both agree, we sign it."



The agreement will include "what OBPA says we will commit to and do for the project," Mr. Lawrence said. "We expect to have a fully executed grant (agreement) by the first week of November ... that's when the clock starts ticking."

He said the time frame for the project will be outlined in the finalized grant deal.

"When we get the fully ex agreement, we'll have two years to complete the project," according to Mr. Lawrence.

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He added that the authority is “immensely appreciative” of Gov. Kathleen C. Hochul, the state Department of Transportation and Greg Lancette, president of the Central & Northern New York Building Trades, and other officials who assisted in securing the funding.

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Ogdensburg border station to receive resurfacing job

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Sparse traffic crosses the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge in 2020. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Customs and Border Protection station will get a much-needed paving job.

Members of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority's Facilities Committee during their Monday meeting discussed what will likely be a two-year \$2 million project.

OBPA Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence said the authority owns the building and leases it to the federal government, and paving is the OBPA's job. That hasn't been done in about 18 years.

“That whole area has not had any new, or paving done in its time” “There are cracks out there, asphalt’s deteriorating and it’s becoming an issue,” he said.

Referencing a report from Tisdale Associates, Mr. Lawrence told the committee the priority projects are about \$750,000 of resurfacing, including “heavily traveled areas ... where there’s a lot of turning and truck traffic.” That includes about 11,000 square feet coming off of the bridge where the weight of large trucks especially stresses the surface.

Mr. Lawrence suggested they use concrete instead of regular asphalt.

“Concrete holds out well,” he said. “You could say, ‘let’s mill it and make it heavy-duty asphalt and kick the can down the road.’ It would hold up for 10 years.”

“If we had done concrete back [around 2003 or 2004], you wouldn’t be talking about [needing concrete in] those areas. You’d be talking about regular pavement,” he added.

Mr. Lawrence also noted that the border checkpoint lanes also need to be resurfaced.

“I know what [CBP] would like to see, and I agree with them. The lanes need to be redone. They’ve rutted up and there’s potholes there,” he said.

They’re looking at doing the work in phases and possibly seeking bids in the early winter.

“Just the amount in the concrete, you might have to divide that up in different areas there and you’ll phase it. That’s the large part of that whole project. It’s the right way to go about it,” Mr. Lawrence said.

“We all understand it needs to be done. It’s just a matter of coming up with the finances to do it, doing it in phases obviously ... it’s good for the authority, it’s good for the border station and those who travel across the bridge,” OBPA Board of Directors Chairman Vernon D. “Sam” Burns said.

In other news, an inspection of the Ogdensburg International Bridge came up with “no red flags,” Mr. Lawrence told the Facilities Committee. He expects a presentation with more details to take place at an upcoming OBPA public meeting.

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OBPA to seek \$1.3 million for child care center

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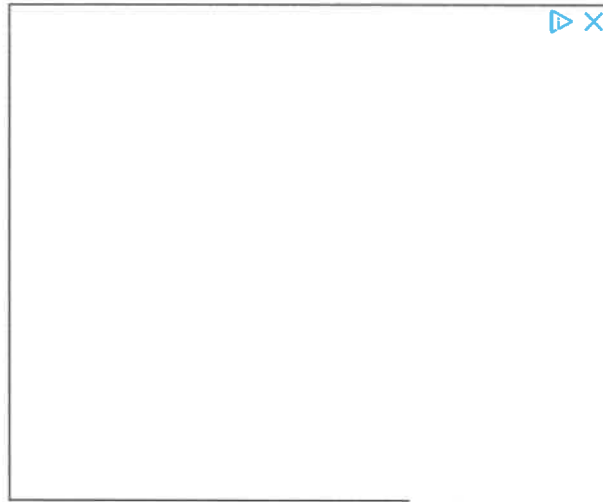
Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

OGDENSBURG — A child care facility planned for the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority's commerce park will be run by The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence. OBPA officials are aiming for a fall 2024 opening.

OBPA Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence told the OBPA board's facilities committee last week that they're seeking funding through the annual Regional Economic Development Council awards.

He told the committee the OBPA will seek \$1.3 million in funding from the REDC awards and federal grants toward the total price tag that engineers estimate to be \$4.25 million.

Lawrence said that in a recent meeting with ARC and Empire State Development, which administers economic development council awards, they discussed OBPA building the facility and ARC running it.



“We can build and maintain the facility,” he said. “We’re in agreement with ARC of Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties that they would run it. They have a vast amount of knowledge and ability to operate something like that.”

The facility would be open to the public. Lawrence and the OBPA board chair both said they’re looking at the fall of 2024 for an opening date.

“I think (the facility will open) maybe later in the year 2024, maybe line up with the school year,” Lawrence said.

“I like the idea of maybe fall of ’24,” OBPA board chair Vernon D. “Sam” Burns said.

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OBPA considering policy governing remote participation by board members

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The Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge. Christopher Lenney/Watertown Daily Times

OGDENSBURG — The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority’s governance committee is coming up with a draft policy dealing with remote participation in livestreamed board meetings that the full board may vote on later this month.

Albany is requiring authorities and municipal governments to come up with such policies.

OBPA's attorney, Jennifer Granzow, told the board that in order for a board member to attend remotely and vote, their location has to be announced as part of the regular meeting announcement. That includes if the member were to videoconference from their home.

"In order to encourage participation in board meetings, the governor and legislature have extended the legislation to allow remote participation, but only under certain circumstances. The goal is to have everyone attend in person," she told the committee. "You can't just phone call in. It has to be video. It has to be livestreamed. Your location has to be published. You have to put in the meeting notice: 'these members will attend remotely and here is the location.'"

However, Ms. Granzow pointed out, the remote location only needs to be published if it's necessary to establish quorum.

Their policy must also set out what's considered a reasonable exception to allow remote participation, and the board chair has the authority to approve or deny the reason. Always working night shift doesn't count, she said, however "not feeling well, unexpected travel where you can't be there in person" are allowable. "That's what this is geared toward," she said.

OBPA Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence suggested they might come up with a standard form for board members to fill out when they need to participate through webstream. Ms. Granzow said that's a "good idea so you can document you complied with the statute or policy." She suggested they list choices for the board member to select as their reason for not attending in person, that should include an "other" option.

"If you include that catch-all that says 'as reasonably approved by the executive director or chair of the board,' you can put that under other. Maybe a member has a valid personal reason they can't attend in person but they don't want that reason broadcast anywhere or FOILable – that becomes other," Ms. Granzow said.

She went on to point out that the current videoconferencing legislation isn't permanent. It expires in 2024.

“I don’t think that the renewed version (in 2024 or later) is going to be the same as this is. If the goal is to encourage participation by board members, by members of the public, I think full remote participation is going to achieve that goal. Absolutely you’d rather have everybody in a room together ... I think if COVID has shown us anything, it’s that people can participate more if they do it online.”

The committee asked Ms. Granzow to come up with a draft policy that will likely be introduced during October’s full board meeting.

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