

Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Announces Selection of Executive Director

Grand Forks International Airport



Ryan Riesinger, C.M.

GRAND FORKS, ND – Following a nationwide search, the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority has selected Ryan Riesinger to be the Executive Director at the Grand Forks International Airport. Riesinger began his new position on January 11, 2016.

As the Executive Director, Riesinger will plan, organize, and direct the operations, maintenance, and development of The Grand Forks International Airport. He will also be responsible for community relations, air service development, fiscal oversight and strategic planning.

With a career spanning over 19 years in the airport industry, Riesinger served the past 11 years as the Assistant Manager of the MBS International Airport in Freeland, Michigan. Previous positions include Operations Supervisor at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, WI, and Airport Manager at the Worthington Municipal Airport in Worthington, MN.

“I’m honored to have been selected to lead the Grand Forks International Airport,” said Riesinger. “I look forward to working with the Airport Authority Board, staff, stakeholders, and region as we continue to build upon the strong regional collaboration and success of the airport.”

“We are excited to welcome Ryan and his family to Grand Forks,” said Karl Bollingberg, Chairman of the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority. “He will be a strong leader for both the GFK team and our community.”

Riesinger holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Airport Management from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He is a Certified Member (CM) of the American Association of Airport Executives and is a licensed private pilot.

Ryan is married to his wife Beth, and they have two young children. They enjoy playing and watching sports, travelling, and spending time with family and friends.

This search was conducted by ADK Executive Search, a retained executive search firm specializing exclusively in searches for the airport management community.

The Grand Forks International Airport has recently been ranked the 22nd busiest airport in the country and is home to the University of North Dakota's John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. The Airport is served by Delta with flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Allegiant to Orlando, Phoenix, and Las Vegas, and is a large regional sorting facility for FedEx.

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