

Meeting Minutes

Jeffco Airport Advisory Board

April 10, 2024 – 5:00 PM

Approved at the June 12, 2024 Business Meeting

I. Call to Order; Roll-Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Advisory Board Members present included:

- James Einolf
- Paul Hoisington
- John Marriott
- Jansen Tidmore

II. Public Comment

- Brad Walker – Town of Superior

III. Approval of Minutes – 1/10/2024 business meeting

James Einolf moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by Paul Hoisington. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Business Items

a. Bye Aerospace Presentation

Jim Dunn, Chief Financial Officer for Bye Aerospace, provided a presentation to the board that addressed the progress made to-date towards a certified electric aircraft. Bye Aerospace is first focusing on the training market, where there is a predicted market requirement of approximately 40,000 new aircraft over the next ten years.

Bye's eFlyer is projected to operate with substantially less operating and maintenance costs, and has deposits from numerous flight schools that the company hopes to fulfill with certification and first deliveries targeted for 2026. The eFlyer will also provide environmental benefits in the form of no CO₂ or lead emissions, as well as an expected lower noise impact.

AAB members expressed hope that a company like Bye can provide both economic and environmental benefits to RMMA.

b. Airport Updates

- i. Airport Advisory Board appointments

Stephanie Corbo, Interim Airport Director, provided a recap on the AAB appointment process so far. The Jeffco Board of County Commissioners will interview eight finalists for the four vacant positions. Airport staff are hopeful that appointments will ultimately be made in May or June.

ii. Airport Director recruitment

Stephanie Corbo noted that Jefferson County has identified eleven highly qualified candidate for the airport director position. The next step will be candidate interviews with both an internal and external panel. The final two or three candidates will be brought in for an in-person interview with Jeffco leadership as well as attend an open forum.

iii. Unleaded fuel

Ben Miller, Airport Planning and Development Administrator, provided a status update on the airport's work towards offering unleaded fuel. Currently, airport staff are considering four different delivery models, ranging from a new FAA-funded tank in the bulk fuel facility to a self-serve tank located on one of the fixed base operator (FBO) leaseholds.

Pricing will be an important determining factor, in terms of both available grant funding, unleaded fuel pricing as it relates to delivery quantities, as well as the partnership model with one or both FBOs. Airport staff will continue to provide updates to the AAB for input.

iv. Part 150 Study

Ben Miller noted that Jefferson County has issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for the Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Study. This SOQ, which closes on April 15, will allow the County to select a qualified consulting firm to assist in the study. Airport staff hope to be able to accept a grant from the FAA for the Part 150 study in 2024.

c. Airport Advisory Board Future Agenda Items

Ben Miller suggested a Member Orientation agenda item at the next AAB meeting in order to bring all members of the AAB to a base level of understanding in terms of the airport's plans, projects and other hot topics. Following that, the AAB should discuss desired work topics for the remainder of the year.

Jansen Tidmore said the orientation presentation(s) will be much needed. He further stated that one critical role of the board is to serve as a feedback mechanism for critical questions facing the airport. Paul Hoisington agreed, and also suggested ongoing discussion related to planning, operations, and financial issues related to the airport. John Marriott suggested that the AAB continue to play a part in the unleaded fuel transition. Ben Miller also mentioned the upcoming Part 150 study and any proposed noise abatement procedures as other important topics.

V. Confirm next meeting date

The AAB agreed to preserve May 8 as the next meeting date if new members are appointed prior to that date. Otherwise, the next AAB meeting will be held on June 12.

VI. Adjournment

James Einolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Hoisington. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.