



MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Colorado Airport Operators Association Spring Conference

The Hythe Hotel - 715 W. Lionhead Circle - Vail, CO 81657

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kent Holsinger	Chair
Mark Van Tine	Vice Chair
Trimbi Szabo	Secretary
Kenneth Maenpa	
Steve Lee	
Daniel Melia	

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Ulane	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics Director
Todd Green	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Kaitlyn Westendorf	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Kip McClain	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Bryce Shuck	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Shahn Sederberg	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Scott Storie	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Hetty Carlson	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Tonya Hill	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Melanie Smith	CDOT - Division of Aeronautics
Paul Anslow	Bolton & Menk
Brooke Barber	Armstrong Consultants
Jared Bass	Dibble Engineering
Michael Beckhoff	Armstrong Consultants
Samantha Blymer	Centennial Airport
Brian Burrell	Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport
Gregg Cannady	STEM School Highlands Ranch
Steve Ceresa	Fiore + Sons
Ari Chakraborti	SANTEC
Amber Channel	KLJ Engineering
Brian Condie	Rifle Garfield County Airport
Chris D'Acosta	Swift Fuels
Stacy Davenport	Centennial Airport
Lewis Entz	Self
Kitty Entz	Self
Jesse Fabula	Armstrong Consultants
Dailee Fagnant	US Department of Agriculture



Stacie Fain	Steamboat Springs Airport
David Fiore	FedEx and Eagle Aviators
William Flowers	Colorado Air & Space Port
Matt Frenette	Centennial Airport
Mike Fronapfel	Centennial Airport/Colorado Airport Operators Association
Zach Gabehart	Centennial Airport
Brian Garrett	Colorado Pilots Association
Tom Gibson	Kimley Horn
Jeremy Gunn	Centennial Airport
Patrick Heaton	Kimley Horn
Dylan Heberlein	Grand Junction Regional Airport
Nathan Hittle	Vertex Companies, LLC
Jordan Hoekwater	Applied Pavement Technology
Lucy Howlett	Colorado Skies Academy
John Hunter	Skidabrader
Chris Jennings	Basis Partners
Kathleen Kingdom	Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins
Jeff Kohlman	Aviation Management Consulting Group
Ken Lawson	Colorado Airport Operators Association
Maxwell Miller	Hi-Lite Airfield Services LLC
Shawn Mahorney	Grand County Airports
Jennifer Malenky	Colorado Early Colleges
Briery McCoy	ASCSU Supreme Court
Josh Miller	Eagle County Regional Airport
David Mittleman	Avfuel
Devin Osting	Alliance for Aviation Across America
Angela Padalecki	Grand Junction Regional Airport
Zechariah Papp	Salida Airport / Harriet Alexander Field
Bill Payne	William E. Payne & Associates
Greg Pedroza	Pueblo Memorial Airport
Kent Penney	KLJ Engineering
Greg Phillips	Colorado Springs Airport
Kevin Ryan	Self
David Reid	Eagle County Regional Airport
Vincent Rodriguez	Gresham Smith
Ron Roetzel	Bolton and Menk
Dave Ruppel	Northern Colorado Regional Airport
Kevin Ryan	Superior Trustee
Thibault Sirigu	Dibble Engineering
Alexis Schmidt	Short Elliott Hendrickson
Regan Schnug	Kimley-Horn
Josh Schroeder	Grand County Airports
Derald Shaw	Air Line Pilots Association
Luke Skaflen	Centennial Airport
Kelly Sloan	Government Relations - CABA
Matthew Smith	Centennial Airport
Barbara Stauch	Office of the Attorney General
Chandra Swanson	Central Colorado Regional Airport
Dylan Swanson	Boulder Municipal Airport



John Sweeney	Federal Aviation Administration
Heather Thom	Armstrong Consultants
Toni Towery	DSST Public Schools
Georgia Twyerould	Kimley-Horn
Tony Vicari	Durango Airport

Pledge of Allegiance

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at 1:44 p.m.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

David Ulane requested an amendment to the agenda to add item 12.6 for an update from Chris D'Acosta, CEO of Swift Fuels, who will provide an update on unleaded aviation fuel.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

3.1 April 18, 2024

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to approve the minutes from April 18, 2024. Trimbi Szabo seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (By member)

Kenny Maenpa complimented David Reid and the staff of the Eagle County Regional Airport for hosting the Spring CAO A Conference. Kenny noted that airports across the Western slope have been reporting consistent record enplanements.

Steve Lee shared his appreciation for Cooper Anderson, President of the Colorado Airport Operators Association; as President, Cooper has carried out a positive pattern to improve participation. Steve thanked the current and past Presidents of the Colorado Airport Operators Association.

Trimbi Szabo provided an update to the Board on the activities of several pilot associations and organizations.

Mark Van Tine thanked the Colorado Airport Operators Association for hosting the Spring Conference. Mark noted on May 16, 2024, President Biden signed the FAA reauthorization act for five years, which authorizes \$105 billion for the FAA.



Daniel Melia noted how powerful the hypoxia chamber is for pilots to recognize the symptoms during an actual flight, as the symptoms are different for everyone. Daniel stated that it is construction season on the Eastern plains. The education and outreach program has been very active, with seventy kids coming to use the Burlington Airport's flight simulator in the next thirty days.

Chair Holsinger provided the Board with a brief update regarding backcountry national monument strips that may close in the future.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ulane noted there would be no Director's reports due to the comprehensive agenda.

7. FINANCIAL UPDATE

7.1 Financial Dashboard

Bryce Shuck briefed the Board that the Division's total revenue for April came in at \$4.9M, 110.1% of the forecast (\$4.4M) revenue. In comparison, this is 1.6% less than the April 2023 revenue of \$4.9M. April revenue was 1.6% more than March 2024 revenue of \$4.7M. For May, we are forecasting \$4.8M in revenue, as continued strong flowage numbers and consistent oil prices help maintain a healthy revenue stream. Year-to-date revenue for FY24 is \$46.7M, and the Division's current revenue forecast for FY24 is \$57M. The Division's cash balance for March closed at \$27.0M, up \$1.9M from \$25.1M in April.

The Division sent out \$2.6M of tax disbursements in April. The Division's tax disbursements followed the normal cycle of being one month behind revenues. As approved by the Board, the Division set our 2024 CDAG program at \$16.0M. The FY24 state-mandated 5% cap of FY23 revenue is \$3.0M. The FY24 administration budget approved by the Board in January 2023 is \$825K; the Division has spent \$563K. Currently, the projected administration expenditures in FY23 are \$603K. This would have the Division at 1.0% of FY23 revenue and well below the 5% statutory cap. For May, the current fuel flowage at Denver International Airport was 43.6M gallons, the highest April record. This was up 1% from March's 43.3M gallons and up 10% from April 2023, with 396.8M gallons.

7.2 FY 2024 Year-End Drawdowns

Bryce Shuck reminded the airports that all work done in FY24 ends on June 30 and must be submitted in WIMS no later than the end of day June 27 to ensure payment. As the state follows its fiscal guidelines, failure to get these drawdowns submitted will result in delayed payment if requested in July.

7.3 Administrative/Amendment/Intern Grant Request

Kip McClain briefed the Board that the Division is working on four internships at three airports across the State. Northern Colorado Regional Airport has requested funding to hire one full-time intern for a twelve-month program. Grand Junction Regional Airport has requested funding to hire two full-time interns for a twelve-month program. Aspen-Pitkin County Airport has requested funding to hire one full-time intern for a six-month program.



7.4 FY 2024 CDAG Administrative Supplemental Fund Update

Bryce Shuck briefed the Board on August 31, 2022; as part of the Division's larger Fund Balance Adjustment Plan, the CAB approved the creation of the Administrative Supplemental Fund. This fund was developed to allow staff to administratively approve in-scope supplemental CDAG funding requests on a case-by-case basis to alleviate delays in project completion. In FY 2024, the Division spent \$473,579 of the \$892,867 approved by the CAB. This covered eight separate projects/airports where funds were utilized in Walden Jackson County Airport, Colorado Air and Space Port, Leadville Airport, Craig-Moffat Airport, Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport (Del Norte), La Junta Municipal Airport, San Luis Valley Regional Airport, and the Sterling Municipal Airport.

8. DURANGO-LA PLATA COUNTY AIRPORT SIB LOAN APPLICATION

8.1 DRO SIB CAB Resolution 2024-04

David Ulane requested Board approval of a \$8,000,000 Aviation State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan application for the Durango-LaPlata County Airport for commercial terminal infrastructure improvements at the airport. The Division requested approval of CAB resolution 2024-04 for the Durango-LaPlata County Airport SIB loan application dated December 19, 2023.

Daniel Melia made the MOTION to approve the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan application totaling \$8,000,000. Steve Lee seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

9. FY 2025 AVIATION EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

9.1 Aviation Education Grant Review/Hearing

Hetty Carlson briefed the Board that the Division staff is requesting approval to award fourteen grant applicants with the aviation education workforce development grant funds totaling \$385,130.04. In January, the Board approved \$400,000 of FY25 funds for the Education Grants and Workforce Development program, allowing the Division to conduct one round of grant solicitations and approvals. The fourteen aviation education grants include the following: Aspen School District, Burlington-Kit Carson County Airport, Colorado Early Colleges - Douglas County North and Castle Rock, Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins, Colorado Early Colleges - Windsor, Colorado Mesa University Tech, Colorado Skies Academy, Colorado State University Drone Program, Denver School of Science and Technology, Eagle Aviators Inc, Falcon Aero Lab, Mandalay Middle School, Strasburg High School, and Warren Tech South.

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to approve the fourteen aviation education workforce development grants totaling \$385,130.04. Trimbi Szabo seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

9.2 2024 Education Grant Approval Resolution 2024-05

Hetty Carlson briefed the Board that the Division has received fourteen aviation education grant requests totaling \$385,130.04, formal approval of which requires a Board resolution.

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to approve Resolution 2024-05. Trimbi Szabo seconded.



The MOTION carried unanimously.

10. UNLEADED AVIATION FUEL SUBSIDY INITIATIVE

10.1 Centennial Airport Unleaded Aviation Fuel Subsidy Grant Application

David Ulane briefed the Board that the Division staff is requesting approval of \$300,000 for the Centennial Airport CDAG application to provide reimbursement for an unleaded aviation fuel subsidy program to expedite the transition to unleaded aviation fuels at the airport and the associated CAB resolution 2024-06.

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to approve Centennial Airport CDAG application request totaling \$300,000. Mark Van Tine seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

10.2 APA Unleaded Aviation Fuel Subsidy CAB Resolution 2024-06

David Ulane briefed the Board that the Division staff is requesting approval of \$300,000 for the Centennial Airport CDAG application to provide reimbursement for an unleaded aviation fuel subsidy program to expedite the transition to unleaded aviation fuels at the airport and the associated CAB resolution 2024-06.

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to approve Resolution 2024-06. Mark Van Tine seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

11. 2024 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

11.1 Aviation Professional of the Year

David Ulane presented Ken Lawson, Colorado Airport Operators Association, with the Aviation Professional of the Year Award. This award was presented in recognition of Ken's continued commitment and contributions to the Colorado aviation system.

11.2 Airport of the Year

David Ulane briefed the Board that the Division proudly bestowed the Airport of the Year Award to Harriet Alexander Field Airport in Salida. This award recognizes the healthy and productive relationship with the surrounding communities, the airport's contributions to our state airport system, and their demonstration of values that align with the Division's mission.

11.3 Director's Award

David Ulane presented Kenny Maenpa with the Director's Award. This award was presented in recognition of Kenny's outstanding contributions to the Colorado Aviation System.



11.4 CAB Lifetime Achievement Awards

Chair Kent Holsinger presented Governor Roy Romer and State Senator Lewis Entz with the CAB's Lifetime Achievement Awards recognizing their contributions to the Colorado aviation system.

12. PROGRAM UPDATE

12.1 2021 Strategic Plan

David Ulane briefed the Board that in August 2021, the CAB adopted the Division's new 2021 Strategic Plan, culminating a four-month collaborative effort with our stakeholders, including representatives from the FAA, Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA), Colorado Airport Operators Association (CAOA), Colorado Pilots Association (CPA), Division staff, and, of course, the CAB. The final plan includes four overarching goals with 19 underlying objectives outlining specific actions to accomplish those goals.

12.2 Education/Outreach

Hetty Carlson noted the events that the Division supported. On Thursday, April 18, Aero Presentation at the CAP Black Sheep Squadron. St. Vrain Valley Schools 3rd Annual Job and Career Fair event on April 26. Fourth Annual Aviation Career Symposium on May 11. EAA Chapter 301 Young Eagles Rally on May 18. Colorado Air & Space Port 40th Anniversary Celebration Pancake Breakfast & Fly-in held on May 25. Centennial Airport Runway 5K! held on June 1. Aerospace Frontiers Education Committee Meetings. Colorado Aerospace CTE Advisory Committee Meetings.

Upcoming events are as follows: 27th Annual JAA Fly-in @ Rocky Mountain Metro Airport (BJC) - June 8. 2024 Colorado Seaplane Splash-In! @ Lake Meredith (Sugar City, CO) - June 8. Pancake Breakfast & Swap Meet Fly-In hosted by EAA Chapter 648 (LMO) - June 8. GXY Fly-In hosted by BAS Part Sales and Summit Flight Training - June 8. Mile High Chapter 43's 1st Annual Food Truck Fly-In! (BJC) - June 15. Boulder Airport Day! (BDU) - June 16. FAA Portable Reduced Oxygen Training Enclosure (PROTE) Wings Exploration of Flight - June 19-22. Women's Air Race Classic Terminus Welcome Reception (FNL) - June 21. Warbird Invasion! Showcase @ Wings Exploration of Flight (APA) - June 22. Air Race Classic Terminus Youth Event (FNL) - June 22. FTG/CFO 40th Anniversary Celebration Pancake Breakfast & Fly-In (CFO) - June 29. EAA Annual Grandby Fly-In (GNB) - July 6. SilverWest AirFest!! @ Silverwest Airport (CO8) - August 10. TOPGUN 2024!!! Community Day @ Sheltair (BJC) - August 10. Pikes Peak Regional Airshow - Featuring the US Navy Blue Angels (COS) - August 17-18.

12.3 2025 Aviation Economic Impact Study Update

Scott Storie briefed the Board on the economic impact study's progress. A detailed summary of the progress was included in the Board packet.

12.4 NREL Alternatively Powered Aircraft Study

David Ulane provided an update on the study.

12.5 Digital Tower

Bill Payne briefed the Board on the progress of the Digital Tower.



12.6 Swift Fuels Unleaded AvGas Update

Chris D'Acosta with Swift Fuels provided the Board with an update on Swift Fuels' current 94UL and their progress towards a 100-octane unleaded AvGas.

13. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Director Ulane provided the Board with an update on federal and state legislative issues.

14. PROPOSED CALENDAR

14.1 Tuesday, August 20, 2024, CAB /Staff Workshop -8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.- Division Offices - Watkins, CO

14.2 Wednesday - August 21, 2024, General Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Division Offices - Watkins, CO

14.3 Wednesday - October 9, 2024, General Meeting - 1:00 p.m. -TBD

15. OTHER MATTERS BY PUBLIC & MEMBERS

Kevin Ryan introduced himself and has expressed interest as a candidate for one of the two additional Board seats that will be available and wanted to learn more about the impact of HB24-1235. Mr. Ryan inquired why recent Division grants to the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport were not subject to the provisions of HB24-1235. Director Ulane noted that these grant applications pre-dated the May 17, 2024, effective date of the bill, and thus were not subject to its provisions.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes approved by:

_____ *Board Member Signature*

_____ *Date*

CAB Seal

_____ *Please Print Name and Position*



