



COLORADO

Aeronautical Board MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Colorado Airport Operators Association Spring Conference

Double Tree By Hilton -Colorado Springs, CO 80906

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Maenpa	Chair
Kent Holsinger	Vice-Chair
Trimbi Szabo	Secretary
Mark Van Tine	
Chaz Tedesco	
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
Michael Beckhoff	Armstrong Consultants
Casey Adamson	Kimley Horn
Rita Aguilar	Denver International Airport
Cooper Anderson	Greeley Weld County Airport
Todd Andrews	Wilson & Company
Brodie Ayers	Denver International Airport
Lydia Baldwin	Air Race Classic
Wesley Brandt	Fremont County Airport
Scott Cary	NREL
John Cessar	Dibble Engineering
Ari Chakraborti	SANTEC
Brian Condie	Rifle Garfield County Airport
Steven Derengowski	InterVISTA
Daniel DoVato	Colorado Springs Airport
Sean Durgee	Jacobs Engineering
Morgan Einspahr	Jviation



Dave Elliott	Meadow Lake Airport
Kevin Ensor	KLJ
Jesse Fabula	Armstrong Consultants
Stacie Fain	Steamboat Springs Airport
Carolina Flores	Denver International Airport
William Flowers	Colorado Air & Space Port
Mike Fronapfel	Centennial Airport/Colorado Airport Operators Association
Chuck Garrison	Federal Aviation Administration
Amanda Girten	RS&H
Lorie Hinton	Centennial Airport
John Hunter	Aviation Lead Asphalt Systems Inc
Michael Irwin	County of Lake Leadville
Jeff Kloska	Colorado Air & Space Port
John Lewis	District 11 Colorado Springs Public Schools
Paulette Lugo	Federal Aviation Administration
Mario Maraccini	Garver
Jillian Mayer	Pinyon Environmental
Alex McKean	RS&H
Josh Miller	Eagle County Regional Airport
Marc Miller	Jviation
Gary Ordwoy	Cortez Municipal Airport
Bob Ori	Planning Technology, Inc
Angela Padalecki	Grand Junction Regional Airport
Chris Padilla	Colorado Springs Airport
Jeremey Patton	Cortez Municipal Airport
Bill Payne	William E. Payne & Associates
Greg Phillips	Colorado Springs Airport
Derek Phipps	Basis Partners
Austin Rankin	Mead & Hunt
David Reid	Eagle County Airport
Francis Robbins	Greeley Weld County Airport
Dave Ruppel	Northern Colorado Regional Airport
Aidan Ryan	Colorado Springs Airport
Alexis Schmidt	Short Elliott Hendrickson
Luke Skaflen	Centennial Airport
Thibault Sirigu	Dibble Engineering
Deanna Stoddard	Colorado Springs Airport
John Sweeny	Federal Aviation Administration
Cristal Torres- Deherrera	Denver International Airport
Bill VanHercke	Jacobs
Tyler Vasquez	Greeley Weld County Airport
Tony Vicari	Durango Airport
Lauren Wiarda	Greeley Weld County Airport
Kyle Williams	AECOM
Jason Wong	Fentress Architects
Jack Wyles	Central Colorado Regional Airport
David Ziegler	Basis Partner



Pledge of Allegiance

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at 1:32 p.m.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No amendment

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

4.1 April 19, 2023

Kent Holsinger. made the MOTION to approve the minutes from April 19, 2023. Mark Van Tine seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (By member)

Chaz Tedesco briefed the Board on updates for Colorado Air & Space Port. The airport is progressing with the following projects: taxiway lighting to the airfield, perimeter fencing with an access control system, and a pavement rehab project.

Daniel Melia briefed the Board: Wray has issues with IFR clearances getting to the ground with long wait times. Yuma will be having a fly-in in September. Akron is looking at designing a transient aircraft ramp. Daniel thanked the planners for doing PCI. Ft. Morgan is having their fly-in on September 9. Holyoke is looking at a possible solar farm near the airport. Greg with Pueblo is going to Reno to bid for the Reno Air Races to be held at Pueblo Airport. (Pueblo Air Races) The new Burlington/Kit Carson simulator is up and running and waiting on FAA: pilot training/proficiency, education (STEM ed), and outreach. Daniel thanked the Division again for the Education Grant.

Mark Van Tine briefed the Board about the importance of workforce development within the aviation industry and the coming technology. 2.3 million aviation workers will be needed in the next 20 years. The industry, in general, needs to reach out to students to let them know about the opportunities that are out there. Spoke about the need for politicians to remain bipartisan regarding FAA reauthorization.

Kent Holsinger briefed the Board that he is excited about the many airport construction projects on the Western Slope. Kent noted the Durango/La Plata County Airport runway resurfacing video, terminal progress, and primary runway reconstruction at Grand Junction Airport. Also, looking ahead to runway resurfacing at Walden-Jackson County Airport.

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



Steve Lee noted the record number of attendees for this Spring's Colorado Airport Operators Association conference. He touched on the CDPHE PFAS firefighting foam take-back program.

Chair Maenpa had nothing to report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lydia Baldwin presented information about the Air Race Classic. The next Air Race Classic, held June 18-21, 2024, will terminate at Northern Colorado Regional Airport.

Stacie Fain, with Steamboat Springs Airport, informed the Board that the Automated Weather Observation System does not report accurately when heavy smoke is in the area.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ulane had nothing to report.

7. FINANCIAL UPDATE

7.1 Financial Dashboard

Bryce Shuck briefed the Board that the Division's total revenue for May came in at \$3.96M, 77.6% of the forecast (\$5.1M) revenue. In comparison, this is 27.8% less than May 2022 revenue of \$5.49M and 19.8% less than April 2023 revenue of \$4.93M. Year-to-date revenue for FY23 is \$55.8M, which is a new Division record. The Division's cash balance for May closed at \$27.0M, up \$1.9M from \$25.1M in April. The Division sent out \$3.2M of tax disbursements in May. The Division's tax disbursements followed the normal cycle of being one month behind revenues. As approved by the Board, the Division set our 2023 CDAG program at \$14.0M. The FY23 state-mandated 5% cap of FY22 revenue is \$2.3M. The FY23 administration budget approved by the Board in January 2022 is \$765K; the Division has spent \$597K. Currently, the projected administration expenditures in FY23 are \$663K. This would have the Division at 1.4% of FY22 revenue and well below the 5% statutory cap. For May, the current fuel flowage at Denver International Airport was 40.6M gallons, up 2% from April's 39.8M gallons and almost exactly the same 40.6 gallons as in April 2022.

7.2 FY 2023 Year-End Drawdowns

Bryce Shuck reminded the airports that all work done in FY23 ends on June 30 and must be submitted in WIMS no later than the end of day June 21 to ensure payment. As the state follows its fiscal guidelines, failure to get these drawdowns submitted will result in delayed payment if submitted in July.

7.3 Intern Program Administrative Update

Kip McClain briefed the Board that the Division is working on three internships for Northern Colorado Regional Airport, Durango-La Plata County Airport, and Grand Junction Regional Airport. Northern Colorado Regional Airport has requested funding to hire one full-time intern for a twelve-month program. Durango-La Plata County Airport has requested funding to hire one full-time intern for a six-month program. Grand Junction Regional Airport has requested funding to hire two full-time interns for a twelve-month program.



8. FY 2022 AVIATION EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

8.1 Aviation Education Grant Review/Hearing

Hetty Carlson briefed the Board that the Division staff is requesting approval to award twelve grant applicants with the aviation education workforce development grant funds totaling \$539,921 pending supplemental budget approval. In January, the Board approved \$400,000 of FY24 funds for the Education Grants and Workforce Development program allowing us to conduct one round of grant solicitations and approvals.

Mark Van Tine made the MOTION to approve the twelve-aviation education workforce development grants totaling \$539,921. Steve Lee seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

8.2 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Bryce Shuck briefed the Board that the Division staff is requesting Board approval for an increase of \$189,921 to the FY24 budget for Education/Workforce Development Grants, bringing the total amount approved for FY24 to \$589,921. This budget increase request would support the number of quality aviation education/workforce development grant submissions for our education program that the Division staff has recommended for Board approval at this meeting.

Daniel Melia made the MOTION to approve an additional FY24 education/workforce development grant totaling \$539,921. Trimbi Szabo seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

8.3 2023 Education Grant Approval Resolution 2023-05

Hetty Carlson briefed the Board that the Division has received twelve aviation education grant requests totaling \$831,040.00. The twelve aviation education grants include the following: AIMS Community College, Colorado Northwest Community College, Colorado Pilots Association, Colorado State University Drone Program, District 11 CTE Aviation Pathways Program, Eagle Young Aviator, Legacy High School, Mancos School District, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Pueblo Community College, Sargent High School, and lastly St Vrain Innovation Center.

Daniel Melia made the MOTION to approve the twelve-aviation education grant request totaling \$831,040.00. Trimbi Szabo seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

9. 2023 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

9.1 Aviation Professional of the Year

David Ulane presented Josh Schroeder, the Granby/Grand County Airport supervisor, with the Aviation Professional of the Year Award. This award was presented in recognition of Josh's continued commitment and contributions to the Colorado aviation system.



9.2 Airport of the Year

David Ulane briefed the Board that the Division proudly bestowed the Airport of the Year Award to Denver International Airport. 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.

9.3 Director's Award

David Ulane presented Todd Green, the Division Program Manager, with the Director's Award. This award was presented in recognition of Todd's longstanding commitment and dedication to the Division's mission and vision, steadfast support of the Division Director, and outstanding leadership of the Division's planning team.

10. PROGRAM UPDATE

10.1 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 the 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.

10.2 Education/Outreach

Hetty Carlson noted the events that the Division supported. On Saturday, April 22, the Chicks Fly Showcase was held at the Wings Exploration of Flight. Colorado Air and Space Port held a Planes and Pancakes event on April 29. Centennial Airport UL94 Media Event was on May 3. The 2023 Aviation Symposium was held at the Wings Exploration of Flight on May 13. May 15 was the Aerospace Frontiers Education Committee. May 17, the EAA Chapter 1627 Aviation Careers Panel. Colorado Springs Airport hosted a Pancake Breakfast on May 20. Boulder EAA Airport Day was held on June 18.

Upcoming events are as follows: 2023 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast @ GNB - July 1. Annual 4th of July Cookout Fly-In/Drive-In @ LXV - July 4. 2023 Kelly Airpark Pancake Breakfast and the JAA Fly-in @ BJC - July 8. Chapter 301 EAA Young Eagles Rally - July 15. WOTR Breakfast Fly-In/Drive-In - August 5. Aims Aviation Day and SilverWest Airfest - August 12.

10.3 Intern Update

David Ulane provided the Board with the intern update on Melanie Smith's behalf, as her internship with the Division has ended. David noted that Melanie developed and produced an aircraft accident response card that the Division shared with all the airports. Melanie was an outstanding intern and will be missed.

10.4 NREL Alternatively Powered Aircraft Study



David Ulane introduced Scott Cary to provide the Board with an update regarding the Alternatively Powered Aircraft study. Scott Cary provided an update on the NREL study.

10.5 Remote Tower

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

11. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Director Ulane gave a brief report on FAA Reauthorization.

12. PROPOSED CALENDAR

12.1 Tuesday, August 22, 2023, CAB /Staff Workshop -9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.- Division Offices - Watkins, CO

12.2 Wednesday - August 23, 2023, General Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Division Offices - Watkins, CO

12.3 Wednesday - October 11, 2023, General Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - Burlington/Kit Carson County Airport - Burlington, CO

13. OTHER MATTERS BY PUBLIC & MEMBERS

Cristal Torres-Deherrera briefed the Board about Denver International Airport's engagement with the FAA reauthorization and support of the Remote Tower project.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes approved by:

Board Member Signature

Date