



Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes – July 27, 2018

Board Members Present:

Barry Gore, Chair – Economic Development Representative (phone-in)
Bill Totten – FTG Tenant Representative
Bob LeGare – Intergovernmental Representative (phone-in)
David Rose – Citizen Representative
Naomi Colwell – Marketing Representative
Paddy Kelleher – UAV Representative
Paul Deaderick – Space Sector Representative
Raymond Gonzales – Adams County Government Representative
Rick Ward, Vice Chair – Aviation Representative
Scott Ullerick – Business Representative

Staff:

Bryan Ostler, DCM-Community Services
Dave Ruppel, Airport Director – Front Range Airport
Jeri Coin, Executive Assistant – Front Range Airport

Welcome & Introductions

Vice Chairman Rick Ward welcomed the members and guests and asked the new board members to give a brief background on their history.

Naomi Colwell, is the president, and CEO of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce, and was formerly with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for 18 years. Naomi has been in love with Front Range airport for many years, and was very happy to be involved in it on different level.

Paddy Kelleher, stated his background as a marine aviator, 18 years in the defense and aerospace industry, and is currently with Lockheed Space; he is also an active CFI, CFII flight instructor, and he mainly flies out of Erie, and on occasion out of Front Range.

Bill Totten said he is a long time tenant, and had the third airplane at the airport. He did his first flight solo in 1964. He represents the Colorado Pilots Association (CPA), Aircraft Owners Pilots Association (AOPA), Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and he flies Young Eagles out of Front Range Airport. His career was in the engineering and planning department of Public Service Company, and he was involved in land acquisitions, and permits.

Bob LeGare, has been on the Aurora City Council for 16 years, his first time was 1995 - 2003, and then more recently from 2012 – to the present time. He was just appointed Mayor of Aurora, to fill the vacancy that followed the sad loss of Mayor Steve Hogan. He has a lot of experience in the area, and also sold commercial real estate, and land on the eastern plains, in his 35 year career, and he is very well versed on Front Range Airport, and excited to be on the board.

Vice Chairman Ward thanked the new members, and stated he was glad to have them.

All rose to give Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Agenda & Minutes

Vice Chairman Ward asked if there were any changes to the agenda, or minutes and seeing none, he requested a motion that was given by Paul Deaderick, seconded by Dave Rose; the May 2018 minutes and the July agenda were accepted as submitted.

Air & Space Port Update

✦ Operations Brief

Dave Ruppel updated the board on the financial statement, and showed a PowerPoint presentation on income, expenses, and operations.

✦ Spaceport Brief

Dave Ruppel reviewed the lengthy and arduous process the airport had followed from the conception of the idea nearly seven years prior, to the present. We are at 13 days, and counting, and a decision needs to be given by the FAA by August 19th. The airport did receive the 120 day letter from the FAA. This is to let you know if there are any issues that they are still working on, and thankfully we didn't have any that they are still working on.

✦ Master Plan Update

Dave Ruppel reported the Master Plan is nearing completion, and they are renegotiating the forecast numbers. They are making adjustments to the draft Airport Layout Plan (ALP), due to the airport's increase in operations.

Site Selection Discussion

Barry Gore reported on the site selection summit. Adams County Economic Development (ACED) and eight municipal partners held their second annual site selection summit.

ACED offers extensive site selection services to consultants or company representatives seeking assistance with a relocation or expansion project. ACED offers the following services:

- Access to the most comprehensive real estate database with over 500 available industrial and office buildings as well as industrial and commercial land parcels in the North Metro Denver area
- Incentive negotiation from Adams County
- Economic and demographic data
- Regulatory and planning assistance
- Enterprise Zone administration
- Access and coordination to incentives at the state and local levels

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Board Member Comment

The Vice Chairman acknowledged Ray Gonzales, referred to the spaceport license, and said it has been a busy season; the last mile of the marathon is the hardest to finish, and it has taken a lot of his time, as well as his staff's time to make sure we get across the finish line. He wanted to publicly thank Adam Burg, Legislative and Government Affairs Administrator; he is a valuable member of Ray's team. It was with Adams help that really got a partnership with Barry and his team, and it allowed us to lobby our state, along with the Governor's office to garner letters of support for the spaceport license, before the public comment period closed.

This time of year we are getting ready to kick off the Adams County Fair, and are the largest fair in the state, and expect 70,000 people, and opening day is August 1st. Plans are underway for

the 2018 Adams County Fair Parade, making its return to kick off the 114th Adams County Fair (Aug. 1-5). The parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 9:30 a.m., on Main Street in Historic Downtown Brighton. The parade is on the same day as the WarBird and Auto show, and there will be several of us that will attend both events, attending the parade first then coming out here to the airport.

Ray ended by saying that he is pleased at the progress we are making, and reported that Adams County has over 500,000 people now, and a lot of that growth is occurring in the north east part of the county. He had just come from the town of Bennett's City Address, it was a great turnout, and well attended.

Vice Chair Ward thanked Ray, and further stated that their success was noticed and talked about at the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, where they had gone around the state, and there were state representatives, asking about spaceport in Adams County. Ray added that they knew about it because of Adam Burg.

Bill Totten, long time FTG tenant and part of the EAA Young Eagles, Chapter 301, reported on April 28th there had been 48 flights with kids, 8 pilots with aircraft, and 16 people working the ground crew; this brought the total flights for 2018 to 172. On June 2nd we had 32 flights with kids, 8 pilots with aircraft, and 17 people working the ground crew; this brought the total flights for 2018 to 204. On June 23rd we had 52 Scouts; he didn't have the rest of data at the time of this meeting. Their next event will be on Saturday, August 4th. Total flights since they have been flying at Front Range Airport are 6,786.

Bill said he is also a member of AOPA, and he has been representing Front Range Airport for approximately 15 years, and he has been dealing with Warren Hendrickson, who is the North West Mountain Regional Manager, for AOPA. At their last discussion, he had told Warren about his newly appointed position on the Front Range Airport Advisory Board. They discussed how Warren could support his activities, and Warren has agreed to attend, and speak at our September meeting.

Vice Chairman Ward thanked Bill for his update, and acknowledged Dave Rose.

Dave announced that he is running for House District 56; the district surrounds Front Range Airport, and he felt he would be an asset, and would bring a lot of experience to the position if elected. He would be happy to answer any questions, and would appreciate everyone's support.

Public Comment

The Vice Chairman asked if anyone from the public would like to speak, and acknowledged Rod Lueck, tenant, who asked if we were making any headway with CenturyLink, and getting fiber optics on the west side of the airport. Dave Ruppel said they have had several conversations with CenturyLink, and unfortunately have not gotten anywhere with them. Eastern Slope has brought in fiber optics on the eastern side of the airport. Dave explained to the new members that the airport is currently separated by two service providers.

Vice Chairman Ward thanked them for their comments.

Set Agenda

Agenda items for the next meeting were AOPA Representative Warren Hendrickson. Additional agenda items can be emailed, or called into Dave Ruppel, or Chairman Gore.

Adjournment

No further business came before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. The next Front Range Airport Advisory Board meeting, is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., in the second floor, large conference room in the Airport Terminal.

Approved by: Benny B. Hore 09/28/2018
Chairman Date