



Advisory Board Meeting  
Minutes – September 28, 2018

Board Members Present:

Barry Gore, Chair – Economic Development Representative  
Bill Totten – FTG Tenant Representative  
Bob LeGare – Intergovernmental Representative  
David Rose – Citizen Representative  
Naomi Colwell – Marketing Representative  
Paddy Kelleher – UAV Representative  
Paul Deaderick – Space Sector Representative  
Rick Ward, Vice Chair – Aviation Representative  
Scott Ullerick – Business Representative

Board Members Absent:

Raymond Gonzales – Adams County Government Representative

Staff:

Dave Ruppel, Director, Colorado Air and Space Port  
Jeri Coin, Executive Assistant, Colorado Air and Space Port

Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Barry Gore welcomed the members and guests and all rose to give Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Agenda & Minutes

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

Air & Space Port Update

✈ Spaceport Update

Dave Ruppel was happy to announce to anyone that hadn't heard yet, we are officially Colorado Air and Space Port! The FAA granted our spaceport license on August 17, 2018. He added that the board should have received the newly amended bylaws. He pointed out that the primary reason for the amended bylaws, other than the name change was the size, and makeup of the board, and that the county would like to include more members from the aerospace industry. With regard to our new name there will be a process to changing signs, publications, such as letterhead, business cards, uniforms and the website, some of these are underway right now, and others will take a little longer to accomplish. It's all part of the branding, and we need to have some discussion on how we want to have our name abbreviated.

KFTG is the current airport identifier, and that too could change; we will work with the FAA to start those discussions, as well as changing information regarding our name on publications, and documentation; this could take well over a year.

In 2014 a business plan was created for the spaceport, and now that we have received our license we will update that document, with the long term focus; to attract a launch service provider.

#### ✈ Master Plan Update

Dave Ruppel reported the Master Plan is nearing completion, and we are waiting for the FAA to finish their review of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). The last piece is the FAA's comments, which we are still waiting for, and that should finish up the process, and we hope to have the completed document by our next board meeting.

Associated with that, although not directly, is a spaceport master plan, and we really want the two to be combined; however the FAA will not allow us to fund a master plan that focuses on the spaceport part, and we will have to do that project out of our own pocket.

#### Warren Hendrickson – Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association AOPA

Chairman Gore welcomed Warren Hendrickson, who is the North West Mountain Regional Manager, with AOPA presented "A Tale of Two Advisory Boards." Warren discussed and gave advice on best practices for advisory boards. Warren's background includes, military, commercial, and general aviation pilot; chair of an airport advisory commission, and airport planner. He is currently the regional manager for AOPA for the North Western states, and his role includes, airport support, and state advocacy.

#### Board Member Comment

The Chairman acknowledged Paddy Kelleher, who said he would like a hard copy of the master plan once it has been approved. As the UAV sector board member, he wanted to know if we were looking at the UAV, which is a growing market, especially on the commercial and military side. Dave Ruppel said he thought it would be a great idea to involve that community out here, and he had not focused on it, as he wanted to tackle one giant at a time. Chairman Gore added, at one time they had the University of Denver, doing small UAV testing, and flying in a hangar. Right about that same timeframe we were just starting down the spaceport path, and DEN got word of what we were doing, and we basically dropped the lesser of the two evils, and pursued the spaceport license. He went onto say there is a lot of opportunity for avionics, and we need to always keep it open. Rick Ward added that Colorado has a very active UAS Community. Paul Deaderick said that in laymen's terms it would be software development, which would work very well out here. Dave Ruppel added that we have a couple of strong university programs that are working on using UAV's, as research, and development.

Chairman Gore asked Naomi Colwell if she had a comment, and she asked Dave Ruppel what his needs and expectations were of the board, and how could they step up to help. Dave answered with the business plan, and making sure it is current, and as we move forward with the branding and the website, he'll be asking for input.

Scott Ullerick had a few questions for Warren Hendrickson, and asked about UAV's in a hangar. Warren stated that he had not seen that come up. Dave added that they are considered an aircraft by the FAA; the challenge is where you can operate them.

The Chairman acknowledged Rick Ward, who said the police are developing a system to be able to take UAV's down. Rick then asked Dave if Jim Siedlecki was working on a tagline, or elevator speech for spaceport. We need a quick answer as a board when we are asked a question. Dave

said he would take that for action, and get back with them. Rick wondered if we needed to go back to meeting once a month, and said it was something to think about. His last comment was to ask if anyone was going out to the eastern plains and continuing the dialogue with them. Dave said he had done that, and participated with Congressman Buck's in several listening sessions. He also had some follow up meetings with the Colorado Ag Alliance, and gave a presentation the Adams County Commissioners.

Paul Deaderick was out at Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR), and had spoken with former Senator Brophy, and reported that he had received the information that he needed; it was a very positive meeting.

Mayor LeGare stated he was happy to be here as a board member; he has followed Front Range Airport since the beginning, and watching it as a real estate broker, which he is now retired from. He has also kept up as a subscriber to the I-70 Scout, and Eastern Colorado News.

Dave Rose asked if we could provide a communication plan, possibly through the county, where it would be a news letter that could come out quarterly; this would be submitted to the newspapers, to keep the citizens up to date. Dave Ruppel thought that was a great idea, and would check into it.

Bill Totten, thanked Warren Hendrickson for his presentation, and sharing his expertise with the board. He then gave his report on the EAA Young Eagles, Chapter 301, for August 25<sup>th</sup>, where there had been 46 kids, 14 pilots with aircraft, and 14 ground crew. There have been 6,882 since it began at Colorado Air and Space Port.

#### Public Comment

The Chairman asked if there was any public comment, and acknowledged Warren Hendrickson, who said once a sign is up with a notice regarding the name change, to be prepared to answer questions.

#### Set Agenda

Agenda items for the next meeting 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 2:32 p.m. The next Front Range Airport Advisory Board meeting, is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., in the second floor, large conference room in the Airport Terminal. This date was changed mid month and will now take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Approved by:  11/30/2018  
Vice Chairman Date