



**January 23, 2012
Westin Hotel
Westminster, CO**

Grant Hearings

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dale Hancock	Vice-Chair
Dennis Heap	Secretary
Kenny Maenpa	
Louis Spera	
Joseph Thibodeau	
Dave Ubell	
Debra Wilcox	

MEMBER ABSENT:

Harold Patton	Chairman
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Gordon	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Scott Brownlee	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Christine Eldridge	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Greg Goldman	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
TK Gwin	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Shahn Sederberg	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Kaitlyn Westendorf	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Jim Allen	City of Sterling
Richard Baker	Fremont County
Walt Barbo	Fantasy of Flight
John Bauer	FAA – Denver ADO
Linda Bruce	FAA – Denver ADO

Gary Cyr	Greeley – Weld County Airport
Brad Davis	FAA – Denver ADO
Jim Elwood	Aspen – Pitkin County Airport
Barb Fritsche	ICF SH&E
Todd Green	Centennial Airport
Lois Kramer	Kramer Aerotek
Steve Lee	Denver International Airport
John Marietta	Fremont County
Gordon Page	Spirit of Flight Museum
Bill Payne	William E Payne & Associates
Ryan Prichett	Armstrong Consultants
Megan Quitter	Wings Over the Rockies Museum
Greg Tabuteau	Fremont County
Bill Totten	Colorado Pilots Association
Dave Ulane	AOPA
Darci Wert	Fantasy of Flight
Larry Wright	Meadow Lake Airport

1. Meeting commenced at 1:00 P.M.

Dale Hancock took a moment to express appreciation to Dennis Heap for the two terms he served on the Colorado Aeronautical Board. Dave Gordon then presented Dennis with a plaque and echoed Dale's comments.

2. ***APPROVAL OF CAB MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2011***

Dale Hancock advised the Board that he would entertain a MOTION to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 14, 2011. Louis Spera made the MOTION to adopt the minutes and Joseph Thibodeau seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

3. ***AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA***

There are no amendments to the agenda.

4. ***BOARD MEMBER REPORTS***

Joseph Thibodeau informed the Board that Harold Patton sends his regrets about not being able to attend today's meeting due to an illness. Joseph then gave a brief update on current happenings at the Colorado Pilots Association and a synopsis of the National Transportation Safety Board

hearings in Washington DC in regards to airshows and air racing. Louis Spera spoke briefly about the new runway project at Pueblo Memorial Airport. Dale Hancock informed the Board of the Garfield Regional Airport airshow that will take place July 13-14, 2012. Dave Ubell talked about the snowy weather he encountered while en route to the Board meeting. Debra Wilcox said she's been flying quite a bit and looking forward to upcoming fly-in events. Kenny Maenpa said that it is an honor to be nominated to the Colorado Aeronautical Board. Kenny added that from an airport perspective, although there are ups and downs currently, the airports remain optimistic about the future.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Green from Denver International Airport (DIA) took an opportunity to thank the Board for consideration on their grant submission to purchase a virtual de-icing queue manager.

6. BOARD ELECTIONS – SECRETARY

Due to Harold Patton's absence today, it was decided to postpone the Board election until the next scheduled meeting.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dave Gordon referred to a memo given to the Board that outlines current activities and issues at the Division. Dave briefed the Board on his participation with drafting by-laws for the Colorado General Aviation Alliance. Dave is also organizing a tour of the FAA Control Center for the Transportation Commission. Dave has been attending meetings with Front Range Airport and the FAA Commercial Space Transportation Office to assist with the Space Port application process for the Front Range Airport. Dave concluded by asking the Board for informal support of a project to conduct a Sustainability Planning Study with the FAA. Dave said that FAA has funded a pilot program at 10 airports of various sizes to develop sustainability plans. The program has demonstrated such successful results that the FAA is going to set aside additional funds for a few more projects. The number of grants and the total dollar amount set aside for this developing program has not yet been formalized. The study areas will include environmental, economic and social. The FAA is prepared to submit a formal application on our behalf for this grant. Dave added that if we are fortunate to be given a grant, we will select a consultant to conduct the study. Dave asked the Board for informal support of this project and submittal of the application with the understanding that if we are awarded a grant,

it will come back to the Board for formal approval. The Board gave consensus to proceed with the application.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT – GREG GOLDMAN

Greg Goldman referred to several financial handouts that were provided to the Board. Greg informed the Board that the fuel tax reimbursements to airports are current, adding that the year to date revenue collections are over \$20.1 million and \$12.6 million has been returned to local airport operating authorities. Greg is anticipating revenues over \$40 million for the year. As things stand, Greg is forecasting an uncommitted fiscal year-end 2012 fund balance of \$1.0 million, assuming Board action and approval of all grant applications.

9. CDOT INTERNAL AUDIT – CASEY TIGHE

Since Casey Tighe was not yet present, Dave Gordon asked that this topic be tabled until Casey arrives.

10. SYSTEMS PLAN UPDATE – SCOTT BROWNLEE & BARB FRITSCHKE

Barb Fritsche advised the Board that the Systems Plan Update is 65-70% complete and is expected to be finished by the end of May. Barb introduced Lois Kramer of Kramer Aerotek, who then gave the Board a quick briefing on the forecasts in the study. After Lois' presentation, Barb concluded with some information that has been gathered thus far and how it compares to the data contained in the 2000 and 2005 Systems Plans.

11. 2012 GRANT HEARINGS – TIER 1

11.1 Consent Agenda Items – Kaitlyn Westendorf

Kaitlyn Westendorf requested the approval of the 2012 CDAG Tier 1 Consent Agenda, which includes projects at 35 Colorado airports. These projects were placed on the consent agenda by the Board at the Grant Review on December 14, 2011. The requests total \$9,333,449 of CDAG funds to be added to \$2,725,747 of local funds and \$17,753,202 of Federal funds, for a total of \$29,812,398 in project costs. Dave Ubell made the MOTION to approve this request and Debra Wilcox seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

11.2 Centennial Airport – TK Gwin

TK Gwin said that Centennial Airport is requesting 90/10 split to purchase a high speed snow plow. The amount requested from the State is \$400,000 and the staff supports this project. Louis Spera made the MOTION to approve this request and Dave Ubell seconded. Joseph Thibodeau and Debra Wilcox abstained from the vote.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

11.3 Craig – Scott Brownlee

Scott said that Craig is requesting match on FAA funds to rehab and reconstruct the apron, as well as overmatch. The amount requested from the State is \$400,000 and the staff supports this project. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Dave Ubell seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

11.4 Pueblo – Scott Brownlee

Scott said that Pueblo is requesting match on FAA funds for the runway project, as well as 90/10 split to reconstruct a portion of the GA ramp and for a 12' snow wing. The total amount requested from the State is \$400,000 and the staff supports these projects. Debra Wilcox made the MOTION to approve this request and Joseph Thibodeau seconded. Louis Spera abstained from the vote.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

11.5 Rifle – Scott Brownlee

Scott said that Rifle is requesting match on FAA funds to update the Airport Master Plan, as well as overmatch. The total amount requested from the State is \$158,947 and the staff supports this project. Dave Ubell made the MOTION to approve this request and Joseph Thibodeau seconded. Dale Hancock abstained from the vote.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12. 2012 GRANT HEARINGS – TIER 2

12.1 Colorado Plains Regional – TK Gwin

TK said that Akron is requesting 90/10 split to overlay Runway 11/29 and the turnaround. TK said that the pavement at Akron has reached a condition that requires an overlay, but that if it is delayed much longer, it will be much more costly. The high priority in this project focuses on safety and cost savings. The amount requested from the State is \$881,000 and the staff supports this project. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Louis Spera seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.2 Aspen-Pitkin County – Scott Brownlee

Scott said that Aspen is requesting match and overmatch on FAA funds to construct a de-icing pad, match and overmatch for runway safety area improvements and match to construct the A3 connector. The high priority in this project focuses on safety. The amount requested from the State is \$1,193,413 and the staff supports this project. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Debra Wilcox seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.3 Astronaut Rominger Airport – Scott Brownlee

Scott said that Del Norte is requesting 90/10 split for a lighting system and AWOS. Since the completion of the new runway in October 2010, usage of the airport has increased between 250% and 300%, with no aircraft landings able to take place after dark. This is particularly a hardship for the Rio Grande Hospital in their need to fly patients out to a front range hospital. Currently, those flights are being diverted 20 miles away to the Monte Vista Airport. The high priority in this project focuses on safety. The amount requested from the State is \$517,000 and the staff supports this project. Louis Spera made the MOTION to approve this request and Joseph Thibodeau seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.4 Front Range Airport – TK Gwin

TK said that Front Range is requesting 90/10 split to fog seal Runway 17/35, rehab the lighting on 17/35 and to rehab Taxiways B, C and E. Originally, Front Range requested funding from the FAA, but the FAA cannot define a time when funding might be available. The high priority in this project focuses on safety and operations. The amount requested from the State is \$1,428,400 and the staff supports this project. Dave Ubell made the MOTION to approve this request and Louis Spera seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.5 Vance Brand Municipal Airport – TK Gwin

TK said that Longmont is requesting match and overmatch on FAA funds to complete Taxiway B. The current taxiway comes to an end at mid-field, causing aircraft to cross the runway in order to use Runway 11. The FAA funds allocated will not be sufficient to cover the project in total. The high priority in this project focuses on safety and economics. The amount requested from the State is \$800,000 and the staff supports this project. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Louis Spera seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.6 Sterling Municipal Airport – TK Gwin

TK said that Sterling is requesting 90/10 split for terminal apron rehab and taxiway design and construction. The apron is showing signs of deterioration and the taxiway has significant cracks and has failed. The high priority in this project is safety and economics. The amount requested from the State is \$1,515,091 and the staff supports this project. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Debra Wilcox seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.7 Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport – TK Gwin

TK said that Rocky Mountain Metro is asking for match on FAA funds for runway safety area improvements and runway safety area land acquisition, as well as 90/10 split for terminal ramp rehab. Kenny Maenpa said that without this grant, the airport would probably have to wait 5-7 years for this project to be completed. The high priority in this project is safety and

economics. The amount requested from the State is \$1,337,500 and the staff supports this project. Louis Spera made the MOTION to approve this request and Joseph Thibodeau seconded. Kenny Maenpa abstained from the vote.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.8 Spanish Peaks Airfield – Scott Brownlee

Scott said that Walsenburg is requesting 90/10 split to purchase snow removal equipment, land acquisition and Runway 8/26 rehab. The current airport snow plow inflicts damage to the runway. The County does not control the real estate on the west end of Runway 8/26. The existing runway pavement is in very poor condition. The high priority in this project is safety. The amount requested from the State is \$1,960,763 and the staff supports this project. Dave Ubell made the MOTION to approve this request and Joseph Thibodeau seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

13. 2012 GRANT HEARINGS – EDUCATION

SPIRIT OF FLIGHT CENTER: TK said that Spirit of Flight is requesting 90/10 split to obtain and outfit an enclosed trailer that would become a mobile air museum. The goal would be to take the trailer to schools, retirement homes and other public venues. The amount requested from the State is \$22,500. The staff does not support this request. At this time, Gordon Page from the Spirit of Flight Center made a presentation to the Board about this proposed project, referencing a project summary that was provided to the Board. After much discussion and concern from the Board about how to measure the impact of this project, Joseph Thibodeau made suggestion that Gordon Page work with Division staff to garner direction in order to fine tune this request. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to table this request and Dave Ubell seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM: TK said that Wings Over the Rockies is requesting 50/50 split to continue WASP and 90/10 split for KidSpace. The total amount requested from the State is \$81,759. The staff supports this request. At this time, Megan Quitter briefed the Board on the impact the grant awarded last June has had on aviation education in Colorado. The WASP program has reached an excess of 24,000 students and the KidSpace program reached 7,622 students in 2011. There are plans

for continued expansion in 2012. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Louis Spera seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

To recap, the total amount of CDAG money awarded today is \$20,407,322, with a total local match of \$4,442,457 and total Federal match of \$36,004,372.

NOTE: All grant requests included standard Grant Evaluation Forms and were found by the Staff to be in the best interest of statewide aviation and to support the goals contained in the Colorado Aviation Systems Plan.

14. NBAA SCHEDULERS & DISPATCHERS UPDATE – SHAHN SEDERBERG & KAITLYN WESTENDORF

Kaitlyn Westendorf reminded the Board that this was the first time the Division staff has attended the NBAA Schedulers and Dispatchers. Kaitlyn explained the differences they observed at this venue and how they feel that our presence at this show could be of value to Colorado airports. Kaitlyn concluded by advising the Board that the Division will meet with airports that currently attend this show, as well as CAO, to determine how to proceed from here. Kaitlyn thanked the Board for giving her and Shahn the opportunity to attend this show and possibly expand our impact to the national aviation community.

15. PROPOSED CALENDAR

Confirmation Hearings for Joseph Thibodeau and Kenny Maenpa will take place on Tuesday, February 21st at 1:30 P.M. The next Board meeting will be Friday, April 13th at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport. The following Board meeting will be on Friday, June 22nd in the Hayden/Steamboat Springs area. Dave Gordon informed the Board that although Casey Tighe did not appear at today's meeting, the reason he had asked to be included on the agenda was to appear before the Board and inquire if there were any issues that needed to be included in the CDOT Audit work plan for this year. Dave informed the Board that the staff didn't have any items to include at this time.

16. OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS

Debra Wilcox made a request to have a more in-depth discussion of the Systems Plan update with Barb Fritsche at the meeting set for April 13th.

17. BREAK

18. PHASE II & PHASE III DETAILED BRIEFING – BILL PAYNE

Bill Payne gave a detailed presentation on the status of Phase II of the Radar Project and specifics of the impending Phase III.

19. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 P.M.