



**August 8, 2013**  
**Washington County Fairgrounds**  
**Akron, CO**

**Board Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Thibodeau	Chairman
Debra Wilcox	Secretary
Kenny Maenpa	
William "T" Thompson	

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dale Hancock	Vice-Chair
Jeff Forrest	
John Reams	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dave Gordon	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Christine Eldridge	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Todd Green	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
TK Gwin	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Shahn Sederberg	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Scott Storie	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Kaitlyn Westendorf	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Jim Allen	City of Sterling
Richard Baker	Fremont County
Sid Fleming	City of Yuma
Dr. Alan Foutz	Congressman Cory Gardner's Office
Terry Hart	Washington County
Randy Hayes	Colorado Plains Regional Airport

John Horn	Colorado Plains Regional Airport
Dan Jensen	Redline Aviation
Ken Lawson	Front Range Airport
Leo Milan, Jr	Office of the Attorney General
Kurt Morrison	CDOT – Office of Policy & Government Relations
Bill Payne	William E Payne & Associates
Ryan Pritchett	Armstrong Consultants

1. Meeting commenced at 1:15 P.M. Joseph Thibodeau took a moment to thank Akron for their hospitality.

**2. APPROVAL OF CAB MEETING MINUTES**

*2.1 June 25, 2013*

William “T” Thompson made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> CAB meeting and Kenny Maenpa seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

*2.2 July 26, 2013 Telecon*

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the July 26<sup>th</sup> telecon and William “T” Thompson seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Dave Gordon added the “Reaffirmation of Officers for the Year” as item #7 on the agenda. Dave advised that agenda item #14 (Aerospace/UAS Industry) will be discussed after the Board Meeting concludes, as a separate topic in a work session.

**4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Debra Wilcox spoke briefly about a road tour she just completed with the Colorado Space Business Roundtable. Kenny Maenpa talked about the upcoming airshow at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport and the classic aircraft and car show at Front Range Airport. Kenny also spoke briefly about the planning of the 2014 Spring CAO A Conference and how DIA has

become a partner in this effort. William “T” Thompson said that the Air Force Academy is about to have its first female Superintendent, Lieutenant General Michelle Johnson. Joseph Thibodeau talked about the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Morgan Adams Concours fundraiser for childhood cancer research, which takes place on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ken Lawson expressed his gratitude to the Division for holding a ‘Regional Meeting’ this morning. Randy Hayes thanked the Board for choosing to have this meeting in Akron. Richard Baker spoke briefly about the flooding that has taken place in the southern part of the state.

**6. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – DAVID GORDON**

Dave took a moment to thank Randy Hayes for hosting this meeting. Dave then referred to a memo given to the Board that outlines current activities and issues at the Division. Dave briefed the Board on the many meetings and functions he has recently participated in. Some of the topics discussed were UAS/UAV, Sustainability Plan, Economic Impact Study, Education Grants and the Colorado Surveillance Project, Phase II and Phase III. Dave notified the Board that Richard Lampert is the new airport manager at Gunnison. Dave concluded by saying that DIA is interested in hosting a ‘Commercial Air Services Forum’ that may take place in October.

**7. REPORT OF REAFFIRMATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR – DAVID GORDON**

Dave said that Leo Milan created a memorandum for the Board to sign that ratified the elections that took place in December of last year. That election took place due to the fact that two Board members, including the then-Chairman, were about to vacate the Board. The current by-laws state that elections will occur annually, in the summer. Leo said that he is working to update the by-laws on this subject and a couple others, so that they become more practical. The memorandum has been signed by all current Board members, ratifying the election that took place on December 20, 2012.

**8. FRONT RANGE AIRPORT/SPACEPORT COLORADO UPDATE**

Ken Lawson gave a brief update on the status of the pursuit of the Spaceport License for Front Range Airport. The airport is on schedule to obtain the license and if all goes well, it should be issued in March of 2014.

## **9. AWOS PROGRAM UPDATE – CHRISTINE ELDRIDGE**

### 9.1 AWOS Advisory Committee Meeting Update

Christine Eldridge gave a brief update on a recent meeting held to determine where a need may exist for AWOS coverage within the state. The committee suggested several sites for Christine to examine. Although some of the sites may not have utilities accessible, the Division is willing to explore the possibility of installing a 'green' AWOS unit. Christine is waiting to hear from Vaisala what the price difference would be on such a unit.

### 9.2 Non-Federal AWOS Maintenance & Certification Funding

Christine said that the Division staff would like to develop a policy to help fund the ongoing maintenance and certification of non-Federal AWOS. The costs associated with this program can be a burden to some of our smaller airport sponsors and we would like to be able assist. The certification cost for a single system is approximately \$6,000 per year and does not include unscheduled maintenance and parts. We recommend that the Board adopt a strategy that includes the possibility of providing grant funds to those airports that are challenged by these continuing expenditures. The Board gave consensus that they support the direction that we would like to take the AWOS program.

## **10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – KURT MORRISON**

Kurt Morrison gave a synopsis of the 2013 Legislative Session and briefly discussed the upcoming 2014 Legislative Session, set to begin in January. Kurt said that this was the first year that CAO A participated in the Legislative process and it proved to be very valuable. Kurt also talked about the Federal Legislative process and how it may affect transportation and aviation, in particular.

## **11. OSHKOSH UPDATE – SHAHN SEDERBERG**

Shahn Sederberg gave a quick overview of the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture Oshkosh that he attended last week. Shahn said there were over 10,000 aircraft and 500,000 attendees at the event.

## **12. PROPOSED CALENDAR**

Dave said that at this time, we are not planning on having a Board meeting in September. The next scheduled meeting will take place in mid-October, possibly

at Denver International Airport. Once the meeting details are finalized, the Board will be notified.

**13. *OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS***

There were no other matters.

**14.** Debra Wilcox made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting and Kenny Maenpa seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.