



COLORADO

Aeronautical Board

April 10, 2014
United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO

Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Thibodeau	Chairman
Kenny Maenpa	Vice-Chairman
Ray Beck	
Jeff Forrest	
William "T" Thompson	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Debra Wilcox	Secretary
John Reams	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Gordon	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Christine Eldridge	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Greg Goldman	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Todd Green	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
TK Gwin	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Scott Storie	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Lenore Manzer	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Leo Milan	Office of the Attorney General
Jim Elwood	Aspen/Pitkin County Airport
Dan Gallagher	Colorado Springs Airport
Troy Stover	Colorado Springs Airport
June Eveland	Colorado Springs Airport
Richard Baker	Fremont County Airport
TJ De Cino	Metropolitan State University of Denver

1. The meeting commenced at 1:15 P.M. and the chairman determined that with five of the seven board members present, a quorum was established.

2. ***APPROVAL OF CAB MEETING MINUTES FROM February 13, 2014 BOARD MEETING***

William "T" Thompson made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the February 13th meeting and Kenny Maenpa seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

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

Since Bill Payne was unable to attend the meeting, Dave Gordon indicated that he would like to include Agenda Item No. 8, the UAS/UAV Update, in his Director's Report.

4. ***BOARD MEMBER REPORTS***

Ray Beck brought to the Board's attention that Club 20 had their spring meetings and, as a result, passed a resolution in support of the Colorado Aerospace Industry's UAS/UAV program and he has copies for anyone interested. He also extended an invitation to attend a Colorado round table business meeting at Hayden Regional Airport on July 23rd, 24th and 25th, where Dave Gordon has volunteered to speak on the subject of UAVs. Jeff Forrest spoke a little about Great Lakes Airlines and their intent to hire new pilots through Metro State University and some discussion took place regarding reduced ATP. He also said the FAA has announced they are going to do a Center of Excellence on UAV/UAS, the notice to start bidding the RFP process has been posted and there will be a lot of interest from Colorado stakeholders in that. Kenny Maenpa wanted to remind everyone that the State of DIA luncheon would be on April 29th and encouraged attendance. He also reported that he has been working very closely with the Division staff on changes in discretionary grants for next year and, also, on the SIB program. As far as Rocky Mountain Metro airport is concerned, Kenny stated they are running full steam ahead on their primary runway rehabilitation. Joseph Thibodeau informed the Board of a Pilot's Association Meet 'n Greet that was a great success and, he hopes, will set precedent for future communication within the GA industry. He also stated that the EAA currently has, along with the B17, three mustangs resided in the state and in June they would be selling rides. Joe then took a somber moment to acknowledge the death of hall of fame member, Dave Ebershoff.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Baker gave a brief update on the opening of their air tanker base, the positioning of a sky crane and an air tractor based at Fremont County Airport.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DAVE GORDON

Dave Gordon referred to a memo given to the Board that outlines current activities and issues at the Division. Dave spoke about recent conferences and meetings he has attended with various organizations, including NASAO/AASHTO, AAE and Club 20. He announced that, if elected, he could be the next President of NASAO in the fall of 2014. He also presented the Board with an update on the UAS/UAV initiative and MET Tower legislation. Dave informed the Board of several information gathering meetings that have been held to discuss improvements to the Procedural Directive regarding the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan program and the target date for completion is the end of April. Dave presented some new issues brought up recently regarding how the new healthcare law will have an impact on the internship program and then concluded by having Leo Milan give a quick overview on a recently amended law called 'Keep Jobs in Colorado Act'.

Joseph Thibodeau took this time to suggest the order of items on the Agenda be adjusted so discussions could take place while staff from Colorado Springs, and a Board member that had to leave early, were still present. It was unanimously agreed upon that Item No. 13, SIB Application-Colorado Springs, be next on the Agenda. (See Item 13).

7. FINANCIAL UPDATE – GREG GOLDMAN

Greg Goldman referred to several handouts that were provided to the Board that included charts and graphs showing the forecasted state aviation fund balance as well as a comparison on aviation fund revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for fiscal years 2004-2014. He also referred to a chart that shows the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan balances as of March 31, 2014. He concluded his presentation by bringing to the Board's attention a March 2014 Denver Post article entitled, "Audit: Colorado agencies sitting on \$25.6 million beyond legal limits", that was also provided in the Board packet.

8. UAS/UAV UPDATE – DAVE GORDON

This item was covered during the Director's Report, Item No. 6 on the Agenda, by Dave Gordon.

9. GRANT MANAGEMENT MANUAL UPDATE – TK GWIN

TK Gwin advised the Board that the staff is in the process of rewriting the Grant Management Manual and should have a GMM ready for the Board's approval in approximately three months.

10. SCOPE OF WORK CHANGE REQUESTS

10.1 Sterling Scope of Work Change Request – Todd Green

Todd Green said Sterling Airport is requesting an amendment to their 2014 grant to add an additional element. He clarified that the airport is not requesting any additional funds but would like to move \$20,000 of State funds from one element to another. Some questions from the Board arose and discussion commenced regarding allocation of funds to the airports in general. The staff explained and clarified the current standard procedures and then made a recommendation to the Board for approval of this scope of work request.

Ray Beck made the MOTION to approve Sterling Airport's request to amend their 2014 grant by moving \$20,000 of State funds from one element to another and Jeff Forrest seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

10.2 Aspen-Pitkin County Scope of Work Change Request – Scott Storie

Scott Storie reported Aspen-Pitkin County Airport is requesting an amendment to their 2011 Grant in order to cover items of the Runway Extension Project that are currently being funded locally. Scott mentioned that the request does not require supplemental funding, but would move unused funds from one element of the grant to another. He referred to the ASE Supplemental (Scope Change) Application provided as a handout in the Board packet and stated the Aeronautics staff recommends approval of this change of scope request.

Jeff Forrest made the MOTION to approve the Aspen-Pitkin County Airport's scope of work change request and amend the 2011 Grant and Ray Beck seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

At this time, the Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

11. NEW USDA 5 YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FY15-FY19 – TODD GREEN

Todd Green spoke about the Wildlife Services and Hazard Management Program for Colorado Airports and, in order to illustrate the annual statewide impact the program has had, he referred to the handouts summarizing services performed by the USDA in 2013. Since the current five year cooperative service agreement ends at the end of April, and because of the success of the program, the Aeronautics staff recommends approval to enter into another five year agreement with the USDA. If approved, each fiscal year the staff will request funding from the CAB to perform the wildlife services.

William "T" Thompson made the MOTION to approve the five year contract and Ray Beck seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12. *FY2015 BUDGET APPROVALS*

12.1 Administrative Budget Approval

Dave Gordon pointed out that there have been no changes to the Division's administrative budget and that it is staying pretty consistent with previous years. Discussion ensued and Greg Goldman clarified that the numbers have increased slightly from last year in expectation of increasing the Division's staff.

William "T" Thompson made the MOTION to approve the administrative budget and Jeff Forrest seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.2 Division Consent Agenda

Dave Gordon said the handouts provided summarize several projects that the Division does for statewide benefit, including the FY2015 USDA request for funding brought to the Board's attention in Agenda Item 11. There was a brief discussion regarding AWOS and TK Gwin updated the Board on the status of the program and the reasons behind the funding request for AWOS.

Ray Beck made the MOTION to approve all projects listed on the Division Consent Agenda and Jeff Forrest seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

12.3 Intern Program Funding

Dave Gordon said the Division funds internships with the airports that are very successful and requests approval for \$150,000 to fund the intern program from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. He also said the staff would get back to the Board regarding the healthcare law and its potential effects on this program as soon as they are realized.

William "T" Thompson made the MOTION to approve Airport Management Intern Funding and Jeff Forrest seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

13. *SIB APPLICATION-COLORADO SPRINGS – TK GWIN*

TK Gwin referred to the document that was sent to the Board that outlines the Colorado Springs SIB request in the amount of \$2,336,000 and the Division staff requests the Board, in turn, recommend approval of this application to the Transportation Commission. Discussion followed, along with a question and answer session, between the Board, staff and the Colorado Springs representatives. It was suggested, due to the short period of time that the loan application was in the Board's hands for review, and in fairness to Colorado Springs airport, that approval be deferred for at least two weeks to allow further deliberation and clarification.

Kenny Maenpa made the MOTION to defer approval on the application and William "T" Thompson seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

14. *PROPOSED CALENDAR*

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Lamar Municipal Airport and it will be held in conjunction with a SE Regional Meeting. The regional meeting is planned for 10:00–noon, lunch from noon-1:00, and then the CAB meeting will be at 1:15 p.m. The CAO Spring Conference will be held June 18-20, 2014 at Winter Park and the July meeting will be held on July 10, 2014 in, either, Buena Vista or Hopkins Field, Nucla. The staff will keep the Board informed of any changes made to this proposed calendar.

15. *OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS*

TK Gwin informed the Board that after July, the staff will have its own Board room for future CAB meetings and he also made himself available to the Board for any questions regarding the Colorado Springs SIB loan application.

16. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

