



**October 17, 2008
Embassy Suites - DIA
Denver, Colorado**

GRANT HEARINGS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Patton	Chairman
Dale Hancock	Vice Chair
Dennis Heap	Secretary
Louis Spera	
Joseph Thibodeau	
Dave Ubell	
Debra Wilcox	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Travis Vallin	Director, CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
Scott Brownlee	CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
Christine Eldridge	CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
TK Gwin	CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
Nikki Koplitz	CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
John Sweeney	CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
Kaitlyn Westendorf	CDOT-Division of Aeronautics
Richard Baker	Fremont County Airport
Mike Ballard	Garfield County Regional Airport
Allen Butler	Custer County – Silver West Airport
John Devore	Gunnison County-Crested Butte Airport
Jeff Edson	Kleinfelder
Jim Elwood	Aspen – Pitkin County Airport
Steve Hadley	NBAA
Bill Hamilton	AOPA
Randy Hayes	Akron Airport
Ron Lee	Meadow Lake Airport
Kathie Lucas	Gunnison County-Crested Butte Airport

Peter Muller
Ken Olsen
Ryan Pritchett
Michael Quinn
Ed Storer

PRT Consulting
Lake County
Armstrong Consultants
J3 Aviation
Grand Junction Regional Airport

1. Meeting commenced at 9:32 AM. Harold Patton stated that Travis Vallin may be absent for a portion of the meeting, therefore, Scott Brownlee will take his place. Harold also noted that a quorum is present.

2. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Scott Brownlee said that there are two amendments to the agenda. First, to approve the minutes from the Grant Review on September 25, 2008. Second, item #9 on the agenda is Regional Compatible Business Development Strategies, to be discussed by Travis Vallin. Scott asked that we be flexible with the timing of that discussion so that it can be addressed when Travis is in attendance.

Dave Ubell made the MOTION to approve the minutes from September 25th and Joseph Thibodeau seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

3. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Dave Ubell said that the price of fuel is a topic of discussion out on the Western slope. Louis Spera spoke about the economy in Pueblo and its effect on the airport there. Dennis Heap said that the 100 LL sales are down at Front Range Airport and nationwide, however there is a slight increase of jet fuel sales. Dale Hancock talked about the recent expansion at the Garfield County Airport. Debra Wilcox said that she is working with a company that is looking at producing jet fuel out of algae based feed stock. Joseph Thibodeau said that the Colorado Pilot's Association had a very successful fly-in season.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Elwood spoke about the 1000 foot extension to the runway for take-off at Aspen that was recently approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

5. BUDGET UPDATE – NIKKI KOPLITZ

Nikki Koplitz advised the Board that they were given a hand out with the current and projected Aeronautics fund figures. Nikki said that our budget is still higher than in previous years and there is no indication that it will change anytime soon.

6. USDA WILDLIFE – SCOTT BROWNLEE

Scott Brownlee said that the Division would like to work with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife services on a Cooperative Services Agreement that would provide for wildlife damage management, wildlife management training courses and other items within their pervious. We believe these services would be beneficial to commercial service and general aviation airports alike and the CAO Board is supportive of the idea. Scott said that we are requesting funding from the Board in an amount not to exceed \$145,000, which is based upon a draft agreement we have already received from the USDA. Louis Spera made the MOTION to approve this request and Dennis Heap seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

7. MOUNTAIN AIRPORT STUDY UPDATE – SCOTT BROWNLEE

Scott Brownlee asked the Board to approve an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to hire a consultant to update the Division's 2003 Mountain Airport Study. This study identifies the unique challenges facing Colorado mountain airports and has historically been used by the FAA to justify additional federal funds to address these issues. The Board expressed a desire for the Division to coordinate with surrounding states that may have similar issues. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Debra Wilcox seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

8. PUEBLO CDAG 08-PUB-01 AMENDMENT – JOHN SWEENEY

John Sweeney said that Pueblo received a grant from the Board last fall in the amount of \$144,737 for matching funds for their runway rehab project. They have received two FAA AIP grants to

date for the completion of this project. Due to the asphalt shortage, this project was not able to be completed this past summer as originally planned. Since the original FAA AIP grants were issued the FAA has amended their grants to include an additional \$44,136. Pueblo is requesting the assistance of the Board for an additional \$2,021.50 to be added to their existing 08-PUB-01 grant to match the additional FAA money for the runway rehab. This request would bring the CAB contribution up to the typical 2.5%, for a total of \$146,758.50. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve the request of \$2,021.50 and Dennis Heap seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

9. REGIONAL COMPATIBLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES – TRAVIS VALLIN

Travis Vallin said that for the past four months he has been working with the leadership from Front Range Airport and Denver International Airport to develop a stronger working relationship between the two. There has been a long history between the City and County of Denver and Adams County on the role both airports were to play in the development of aviation related services. Over time many of the original concepts have not evolved, causing both airports to focus on more individual needs. The most recent efforts of DIA and Front Range focus on moving forward in a more cooperative effort to identify compatible development strategies that compliment each other rather than directly compete. Travis said the Division has identified the need to do an independent analysis of potential business development strategies for the two airports and is requesting a Scope-of-Work to complete the study with a cost not to exceed \$125,000. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Dave Ubell seconded. Dennis Heap abstained from voting.

The MOTION was passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against. The nay vote was cast by Dale Hancock.

10. 2009 GRANT HEARINGS

Before beginning the Grant Hearings, Debra Wilcox wanted to confirm that the afore mentioned USDA Wildlife request, Mountain Airport Study Update request and the Regional Compatible Business Development Strategies request are all consistent with the State Systems Plan. Scott Brownlee advised that while all three projects are important to the State

Aviation System specifically the USDA Wildlife request meets the activity/safety goal of the plan, the Mountain Airport Study Update meets the activity/safety, expansion potential, economic support, investment and coverage/emergency access goals and the Regional Compatible Business Development Strategies request meets the activity/safety, expansion potential, economic support and investment goals.

Kaitlyn Westendorf requested the approval of the 2009 CDAG Consent Agenda, consisting of 66 projects at 42 Colorado airports. These projects were placed on the Consent Agenda by the Board at the Grant Review on September 25, 2008. The requests total \$4,697,386 of Grant funds to be added to \$3,939,911 of local funds and \$62,364,789 of federal funds for a total of \$71,002,086. Dennis Heap made the MOTION to approve this request and Joseph Thibodeau seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

The Board now discussed the projects that were either not on the Consent Agenda or that needed individual attention, due to possible or perceived conflicts of interest.

AKRON: Akron submitted a grant request for two projects. The first one is for the installation of gates and fencing for the terminal area. This project was placed on the consent agenda.

The second project is a request for 50-50 match in the amount of \$32,000 to fund the relocation of a federally owned ASOS to allow the development of the area now occupied by the weather system. Although the staff recognizes the legitimacy of this project, it is similar to a request from Meeker last year that the Board denied. Based on this precedent the staff does not recommend approval. Harold Patton asked Randy Hayes if Akron would be interested in taking out a SIB loan for this project and Randy said that he would need to go back to his town council to discuss that. Harold said that if the town was unwilling to take out the loan, Akron could certainly request funding for this project during the next grant cycle. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to table this request until further notice and Dale Hancock seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

FRONT RANGE: Front Range has requested match on FAA funds for lighting, signage and to rehab taxiway D. They would also like an 80/20 split for a new airfield mower. The staff supports these requests and the only reason they were not on the Consent Agenda is because Dennis Heap is on the Board. The total amount of the request is \$187,021. Debra Wilcox made the MOTION to approve this request and Louis Spera seconded. Dennis Heap abstained from the vote.

The MOTION passed unanimously.

GARFIELD COUNTY: Garfield County has requested match on FAA funds for an airport reference code upgrade project. This project will upgrade the standards to accommodate the large aircraft that are currently using the facility. Over the next three years the FAA has \$29,000,000 programmed for this project and Garfield County is requesting a commitment to match that amount. The match divided equally for three years equals \$250,000. The staff supports this request and the only reason it was not on the Consent Agenda is because Dale Hancock is on the Board. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Debra Wilcox seconded. Dale Hancock abstained from the vote.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

GUNNISON: Gunnison submitted a grant request for three projects. The first project is to purchase an attachment for a piece of snow removal equipment. The second request was to replace a manual gate with an automated gate. These two requests were placed on the Consent Agenda.

The third project is a request for an 80/20 split in the amount of \$28,000 to purchase a fingerprint machine. This would allow the airport to be self sufficient and not have to rely on the jail for the fingerprinting portion of the security/screening program. John Devore said that with the high amount of seasonal employees, the airport sees delays from the jail with new employees needing to be fingerprinted. The staff does not support this request, due to the fact that it is a long way from the airfield and not something we have normally funded in the past. Additionally, this project is not a high priority in the State system. Dave Ubell made the MOTION to deny this request and Dennis Heap seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

John Devore asked the Board if they would consider granting a SIB

loan for this project in the future and Harold Patton said the Board would certainly consider it.

LAKE COUNTY: Lake County is requesting grant funds to match FAA funds to install a waterline to the airport for fire protection and additional state funds to be used with local funds and Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) funds to extend other necessary utilities to the airport. The additional utilities would include sewer line, natural gas and three phase power. Ken Olsen said that there has been an increased interest in the Lake County Airport as a result of the \$500,000,000 to be invested in the Climax Mine and the Ginn Company is developing a 1,000 acre private ski area near Red Cliff. Ken said that what this project will do is to provide the public infrastructure that has always been needed at the airport and will allow the airport to grow. Scott Brownlee told the Board that the staff supports this request, but the reason it was not added to the consent agenda is because it is a little out of the norm of what we participate in. Scott said that it is consistent with the Statewide Systems Plan and it helps to facilitate obstruction removal of the terrain. The amount requested from the Board is \$250,000. Joseph Thibodeau made the MOTION to approve this request and Dennis Heap seconded.

The MOTION was passed by a vote of 6 in favor and 1 against. The nay vote was cast by Dale Hancock.

PUEBLO: Pueblo has requested match on FAA funds for a ramp rehabilitation project and for an 80/20 split on fuel farm containment. The fuel farm containment project would replace the earth berm that is currently used as secondary containment with concrete secondary containment to meet the new EPA requirements. The amount requested from the Board is \$150,263. The staff supports both of these projects and the only reason it is not on the Consent Agenda is because Louis Spera is on the Board. Debra Wilcox made the MOTION to approve this request and Dennis Heap seconded. Louis Spera abstained from the vote.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

11. *ATTENDING AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATES*

Jim Elwood took a moment to thank the Board for all the support they have given the Aspen-Pitkin County Airport. Mike Ballard gave a quick update on the recent progress that has been made at

the Garfield County Regional Airport and Scott Brownlee provided a quick update on the Telluride Airport project as Rich Nuttall was unable to attend the meeting.

12. PROPOSED CALENDAR

October 29, 2008 is the Legislative Performance Audit Findings Meeting at CDOT Headquarters.

13. OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS

No other matters were brought forward.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 A.M.