



Advisory Board Meeting  
Minutes – January 25, 2019

Board Members Present:

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  
Raymond Gonzales – Adams County Government Representative (phone-in)

Board Members Absent:

Barry Gore, Chair – Economic Development Representative  
Rick Ward, Vice Chair – Aviation Representative  
Scott Ullerick – Business Representative

Staff:

Dave Ruppel, Director, Colorado Air and Space Port  
Jeri Coin, Executive Assistant, Colorado Air and Space Port  
Laura Hansen, Customer Service Manager, Colorado Air and Space Port

Welcome & Introductions

Past Chairman Dave Rose welcomed the members and guests and all rose to give Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Agenda & Minutes

Past Chairman Dave Rose asked if there were any changes to the agenda, or minutes and seeing none, he requested a motion that was given by Bill Totten, seconded by Bob LeGare; the November 2018 minutes and the January agenda were accepted as submitted.

2019 Board Meeting Schedule

Two changes were made to the draft 2019 board meeting schedule, which are as follows:

1. Friday, May was changed from the 24<sup>th</sup>, to the 17<sup>th</sup>
2. Holiday Open House changed from the, 13<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>

An updated board meeting schedule was sent out to the board after the meeting.

## Air & Space Port Update

### ✦ Master Plan Update

Dave Ruppel said we are still working to wrap up our airport master plan, and it is essentially complete; you can view most of it online at [www.ftg-airport.com](http://www.ftg-airport.com), the only thing you can't view right now is the airport layout plan (ALP). Dave said he had a copy of the proposed ALP, and said he would share with the board, and to let him know if they would like a copy.

We are waiting on the FAA to give their final comments, and approval, and with the Government shut down, we may have to wait a while longer.

### ✦ Operations Brief

Projects that we are currently closing out are taxiway A7 rehabilitation that was done last year, which is for the primary airport taxiway. About half of the taxiway was rehabilitated, and all the paperwork has been submitted to the FAA. A second taxiway into the hangar area was planned; however the expense of the A7 project prevented that from happening. We are hoping to go forward with that taxiway into the hangar area on this year's project.

A new Fixed Base Operation (FBO) hangar will be built this year. The building will be a 200' x 200', and will have doors that are 32' in height to accommodate the taller aircraft tail on business jets; it will also feature extra square footage for two stories of office space on two sides of the building.



Dave presented the board with a map that showed the Colorado National Guard, which is west of the parkway. They are currently completing parachute facility, which is big deal for the state, as

they have been trying to get money for the past 10 years. This new handling facility will help with their training, and we expect for them to have even more missions.

To the north of the National Guard is an area of land that is being developed with new hangars by a company called HG Hangar One, LLC, which includes development members, Hugh Gommel, Paul Deaderick, and Craig Rathbun. Dave asked if Hugh would like to talk about the new hangars. Hugh said they are going fast and to get your order in, we currently have reservations on 25 of the 29 available. Hugh added that they are hoping to break ground in March, and will be offering T, and Box hangars.

A new solar farm is going in right now, and that same company would like to add an additional solar farm to the north. We are working with the FAA to get waivers, as they are non-aeronautical. We find that it is a good use for the area, and it doesn't obstruct airplanes flying overhead, as it borders against the class B airspace at Imboden.

Over on the east side of the airport and north of the east ramp is designated on our spaceport license as an engine test area, and we are working on setting up a coalition of some companies to see if we can build something there, where it would be a shared test facility. We have just started these conversations, and we'll update the board, as we get more information.

Dave then pointed out the first phase of the TransPort development; they own approximately 6,500 acres. Their property is almost entirely annexed by the City of Aurora, and they are working on permitting with the City. They plan to put in a rail spur that will serve the businesses that are in the area. Dave added that Union Pacific (UP) is very supportive of the plan for the rail spur.

Another business park is currently moving forward with infrastructure development, and is called 360 Rail Development, and they also be a rail served business park. One of the challenges that UP has is the freight rail traffic downtown, they are congested, and it holds up traffic road traffic too. They have been looking for ways to ease the problem, and one of the solutions is coming out east.

Colorado air and Space Port will have a presence at Aerospace Day at the Colorado Capitol, which will take place on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We will also be at the 35<sup>th</sup> Space Symposium, at the Broadmoor Hotel, in Colorado Springs, from April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

### SWOT Analysis Discussion

Dave Ruppel said with county support, we are hiring a company to help us go through a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis process that is focused on the spaceport side. We are hoping to start this process in the next few weeks, and will be asking for board member input.

### Board Member Comment

The Past Chairman Rose acknowledged Bill Totten, who said he was contacted by the President of the Colorado Aviation Historical Society, which is connected to the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. They have completed an exhibit at the museum, in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing, which is being called Apollopalooza, and will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to know if we could participate in the celebration, since we have attained our spaceport license. Dave Ruppel asked Bill what they were looking for with regard to participation. He wasn't sure, and said there is an application process. Dave requested the contact information, and Bill said he would forward it to him.

Bill Totten reported that the EAA Young Eagles, Chapter 301, had 305 kids signed up for the year, and have 50 kids, scheduled to fly tomorrow.

Paul Deaderick asked what was going to happen to the terminal, and Café, once the new building was done, would they move. Dave Ruppel said that the terminal, including the Café would remain in this building; it would only be the FBO that moved to the new building.

Bob LeGare asked what the structure was of the existing condo associations. Dave Ruppel said the condo association has the ground lease with the airport, and their tenants, which own their own hangar unit, pay the condo association.

Public Comment

A question was asked who owned the FBO. Dave Ruppel stated that the airport owns, and runs the FBO.

The Past Chairman Rose thanked them for their comments.

Set Agenda

Bill Totten had a meeting with Dick Janitell that was cancelled due to a snow storm. Bill added that the Colorado Aviation Historical Society, had recently nominated, and inducted Dick Janitell, and he would reach back out to him.

Additional 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 1:52 p.m. The next Front Colorado Air and Space Port Advisory Board meeting, is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., in the second floor, large conference room in the Airport Terminal.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Chairman Date