



Special Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER Chair Arndt called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Chair Arndt and Commissioners Stooksbury, Williams, Marsh, DiMartino, and Miller were present. Commissioner Krenning was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chair Arndt opened the floor for public comment.

Ryan Carlson presented news articles to the Commission and stated that Nutrien is an economic driver for both cities but management decisions continue to cause issues. The runway widening project and fee escalations can be traced back to Dave Ruppel since the news articles show that he has a history of implementing similar fees elsewhere. Nutrien has a vested interest in this airport and doesn't want to relocate but Greeley's airport is a competitor.

Steve McClintock requested that the Airport Commission honor what Jason Licon said about not raising the hangar lease rate by more than 5% annually.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Williams moved to pull Item #4 off of the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for Item #4. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Marsh, carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor thereof.

Pulled Items: Item #4
Consent Follow up: Clarification on the Director's Report
Public Comments: None

AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS Serco has provided an Air Traffic Controller to improve the staffing shortage at the mobile tower. The new controller is now certified so there will be no mid-day gap in tower operations. This controller is on temporary duty assignment until Serco can hire more personnel to staff FNL permanently.

Commissioner DiMartino moved to approve Consent Agenda Item #4. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Williams, carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor thereof.

REGULAR AGENDA



6. DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Rod Wensing, Loveland Acting City Manager, presented this item in accordance with the Agenda Item Summary. There were 63 applicants for the Airport Director position and phase 2 of 4 in the hiring process has reduced the candidate pool to 13. The Director position is a City of Loveland hire through private process. A public process will not be available, but two Airport Commission members are able to sit on the panel for interviews. In-person interviews will take place in September. This process demonstrates the limitations of the current IGA and the challenges caused by the current governance model.

Public Comment: none presented.

7. FINAL REVIEW OF 2025 BUDGET AND FEES

Francis Robbins, Acting Airport Director, presented this item in accordance with the Agenda Item Summary. The proposed 2025 budget totals roughly \$20.2M with revenues expected to increase from 2024 by 12%. The budget as proposed shows a deficit of \$3.5M. Airport operations must be prioritized over locally funded CIP projects to present a balanced budget to both City Councils. The IGA requires the airport to hold funds in reserve.

Commissioner Miller requested a breakdown of the Runway 15-33 Widening project expenses.

Commissioner DiMartino requested the estimated operations and maintenance cost for the new terminal building.

Chair Arndt called for a brief recess at 3:53 p.m.

Chair Arndt called for the meeting to reconvene at 4:03 p.m.

Commissioner DiMartino suggested forming a Finance Committee to review the budget, rates, and fees in more detail before the next regular Commission meeting in September.

Chair Arndt moved to approve create a Finance Committee. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Marsh, carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor thereof.

Commissioners Stooksbury, Miller, and Williams were appointed to the Finance Committee with Commissioner DiMartino serving as an Alternate Committee Member.

8. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

Commissioner Marsh requested that all Commission representatives be appointed to sit on the Airport Director interview panel.

Commissioners Stooksbury and Miller were appointed to sit on the panel with Commissioner Williams serving as an Alternate interviewer.



ADJOURNMENT

Chair Arndt adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed by:

0641F15027314FE...

Commission Vice Chair, Jerry Stooksbury