



Regular Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Chair Arndt and Commission Members Thompson, DiMartino, Williams, Miller, and Stooksbury were present. Commissioner Marsh was absent.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Chair Arndt opened the floor for public comment. None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda items passed with all Commissioners present voting in favor thereof.

- Pulled Items: None
 Consent Follow up: None
 Public Comments: None

Jim Thompson, Loveland City Manager, introduced himself as the new Airport Commission member appointed by Loveland City Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Kinney, Airport Director, provided the following updates in conjunction with the January Airport Director's Report:

- RADAR was removed from the remote tower by the FAA on December 16, 2024. FNL and CDOT Aeronautics will continue working with the FAA Airport District Office, Flight Standards District Office, and congressional delegation to resolve airfield safety concerns.
- Over 1,200 vehicles utilized the airport parking areas during the holidays.
- Dibble has been selected for the on-call engineering services contract which went out to bid at the end of 2024.
- Conceptual site plans have been developed for sites B and C.
- A request for proposals for landing fee services will be posted next month.
- Dylan Swanson has accepted the position for Operations and Facilities Manager
- The Planning and Development Subcommittee has been workshopping development ideas but requires more direction from the Commission regarding the structure and function of their meetings.
- Conducting a parking and ground transportation study is recommended.



- A Commission workshop is recommended to establish a vision for the airport.

Commissioner Marsh entered the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

**6. CONSTRUCTION
MANAGER AT RISK
(CMAR) UPDATE OR
RUNWAY 15-33
WIDENING IN 2026**

John Kinney and Jared Bass, Vice President for Dibble, presented the item in accordance with the Agenda Item Summary. The FAA agreed to review the CMAR model for the Runway 15-33 widening construction which is scheduled in 2026. This model would significantly reduce the runway closure time.

Chair Arndt opened the floor for public Comment:

- Martin Lind spoke in favor of pursuing the CMAR model and minimizing runway closure time to reduce the impact on airport users.

**7. AIRPORT
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Ginny Sawyer, Fort Collins Project and Policy Manager, presented the item in accordance with the Agenda Item Summary. The Governance Committee held four meetings to review the airport history and governance model options. The Committee is not a decision-making body but recommend pursuing an authority model. This information will be presented during study sessions to Fort Collins City Council on January 28th and Loveland City Council on February 11th. At the direction of the Councils, a new airport authority could be in place by January 1, 2027.

**8. AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROL TOWER
PROGRAM UPDATE**

John Kinney presented this item in accordance with the Agenda Item Summary. Dave Ulane, Director of CDOT Aeronautics, addressed the FAA reauthorization bill which was passed with specific language for digital towers and details the milestones which need to be met by the project. Bill Payne, CDOT Program Manager for the Digital Tower Project, and Rachel Jackson outlined the project history, FAA approval process, and deliverables. System Design Approval could be achieved by December 2025 and no additional certification is required once it is installed at the airport. RTX recommends that a request for proposal is opened so that a formal agreement can be established with FNL.

Chair Arndt opened the floor for public comment:

- Martin Lind spoke in favor of the remote tower technology but opposes installing it at FNL.
- Scott Holst stated that Leesburg Airport built a tower for \$15M, which is significantly less than the proposed cost of a brick-and-mortar tower at FNL, after deciding to discontinue their remote tower project.



Commissioner Stooksbury moved to go into Executive Session for legal discussion regarding the air traffic control tower options. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor thereof.

Public session ended at 4:36

Executive session began at 4:38 p.m.

Executive session ended at 5:07 p.m.

10. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS None presented.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Arndt adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Airport Commission Chair, Jeni Arndt

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