



MINUTES OF THE JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT BOARD

Date: June 28, 2021

BOARD PRESENT: John Eastman, Jerry Blann, Ed Liebzeit, Bob McLaurin and Valerie Brown were present on the WebEx platform.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Elwood, Andrew Wells, Dustin Havel, Megan Jenkins, Michelle Anderson, Alton George, and Jordyn McDougall, of Jackson Hole Airport; Jen Wolchansky and Ryk Dunkelberg of Mead and Hunt; Sally Painter of the public. Other individuals who are not individually documented watched the meeting on a live stream from the Jackson Hole Airport Firehouse Training room.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Eastman called the meeting of the Jackson Hole Airport Board Meeting to order at 8:00 am on Monday, June 28, 2021.
- II. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. **Taxi Rates Resolution:** Elwood stated that historically the Airport has controlled the Taxi fares to and from the Airport. Recently however, the Town of Jackson set a resolution that would control the fares going to the Airport. George stated the Airport set a structure to work within the Town of Jackson's new resolution. He said that after a meeting with the taxi companies, and looking at historic rates, it was determined that an increase would be justified. George stated that the Airport can only control fares going from the Airport, but by increasing the rate the hope is that it helps the fares going to the Airport staying down. Liebzeit asked if there was control over the parking/driver courtesy. Alton replied that in the new contract there were changes that enforced the loading/unloading zone. McLaurin stated he would speak with the Town about fares going to and from the Airport. Liebzeit moved approval of Resolution No 2021-07 for Fairs and Reasonable Taxi Rates for Service from the Airport in the form presented. McLaurin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - B. **PFAS Filter Installation Policy:** Elwood stated the background of PFAS and that it is found in many common products, and that it is in firefighting foam that is mandated by the federal government because of its effectiveness. He gave information on how the airport has responded to the emerging information and environmental concern regarding PFAS. Elwood stated that testing on Airport began in February 2020 and five wells tested with PFAS, which lead to voluntary programs testing domestic wells surrounding the Airport. He stated the issue is back in front of the Board to revisit the baseline standard. Eastman stated the Board does look to the EPA standard of 70 parts per trillion, but also looked at other jurisdictions along with the science for guidance. Eastman stated that staff recommended 20 parts per trillion as a standard. He said one of the keys is determining what threshold the Board is comfortable identifying.

Blann stated that to continue being a good neighbor, the service to the community, and the science and reviews that have been provided, that he suggested the Board go with the lowest. Blann moved approval of the filter installation policy at a threshold of 10 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFAS, and the total of two PFOA and PFOS. Brown seconded the motion which passed four to one.

- C. PFAS Fire Fighting Foam Litigation – Zonies Law Firm Fee Agreement:** Morgan stated that over 500 lawsuits have been brought against the manufacturers of firefighting foam which contains PFAS. He stated this is not a class action, these are individual complaints that have been filed in various federal courts and have been consolidated for discovery and trial before a single judge in what is referred to as a multi-district litigation. Morgan stated that the typical complaint is that the manufacturer was negligent, and that the manufacturer knew at the time of manufacturing that in high concentrations PFAS could have adverse health effects, and that they failed to warn the public and users. He stated the Board has a proposed agreement with the Zonies Law Firm of Denver to represent the Board if they desire to move forward with litigation. Morgan stated that the agreement is contingent on recovering damages. McLaurin moved approval of the Representation Agreement with Zonies Law LLC, in the form presented. Liebzeit seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Elwood stated there was a public comment submitted and that it would be part of the record. Painter stated she is with the Airport Noise Pollution Action Committee. She stated at the June 14 meeting it was indicated that there are fewer take off and landings than 20 years ago. She stated by the airport's own statistics daily operations for commercial flights have grown exponentially with 83% and 58% in corporate flights. Painter stated that the situation is worse in 2021 than the numbers indicate. She stated that the Airport staff and the FAA needs to be pressed to work harder to secure the 45-degree left turn in the Fly Quiet Noise Abatement Program.

- III. ADJOURN:** Blann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 am Monday June 28, 2021. McLaurin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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John Eastman

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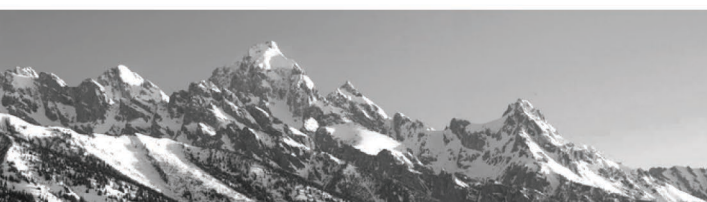
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