



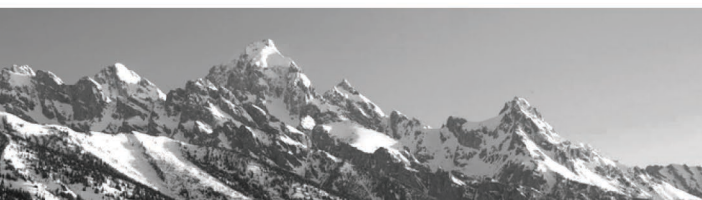
## MINUTES OF THE JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT BOARD

**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.



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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, President**

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6/25/21

Palmer “Chip” Jenkins, Superintendent  
Grand Teton National Park

Dear Superintendent Jenkins,

This letter is in response to your letter to Wind River Air, LLC (WRA) received May 1, 2021.

Currently, the majority of Wind River Air’s flights, originating at the Jackson Hole Airport, are scenic air tours, and WRA has and will follow the strict guidelines the Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) spells out for these specific flights. The Federal Aviation Administration has verified this numerous times now. These flights remain outside of Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) – except for arrivals and departures from the Jackson Hole Airport, which resides within the GTNP.

The remaining flights WRA conducts from the Jackson Hole Airport are regulated by a different FAR. These flights include ferry (reposition flights), instructional, photo flights, among others.

Wind River Air, LLC has followed the Voluntary Air Tour Management plan that was signed on November 5, 2020.

Wind River Air has met with the Wyoming Game & Fish Department – and corresponds with them regularly to ensure best management and flight practices in and around wildlife. Additionally, our flights are not designed for wildlife viewing.

Superintendent Jenkins, I would like to extend my appreciation to Jeremy Barums and Gopaul Noojibail, of Grand Teton National Park, for meeting with me on two occasions (May & June 2021). I value their time and effort to better understand the types of flights and the associated FARs that WRA conducts and follows, as well as to determine how we can best work together moving forward.

To recap these meetings, it was agreed that Wind River Air, LLC will continue to depart the Jackson Hole Airport as expeditiously as possible and remain ½ mile outside of the GTNP boundaries while conducting scenic air tours. Departures and arrivals from the Jackson Airport will be determined by the weather



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conditions of the day – and at that moment, as well as instructions provided by the air traffic control tower.

Additionally, it was agreed that when Wind River Air is conducting other operations that are allowed over Grand Teton Park – such as ferry flights, instructional flights, and photo flights, WRA pilots will avoid the noise sensitive areas of Grand Teton Park. WRA will keep these flights to a minimum.

As a gesture of good faith, Wind River Air has also agreed to notify Jeremy Barnums of any upcoming photo flights that will occur over GTNP, and to also keep these flights east of the Snake River and Highway 191, unless specific arrangements have been made.

Moving forward, I sincerely hope that Grand Teton National Park officials will contact me directly if there are questions about any flights, or if they have any additional concerns.

Sincerely,

*Anthony B Chambers*

Anthony B. Chambers  
Managing Member, Wind River Air, LLC

CC Jackson Hole Airport Board  
Vaughn Hansen FAA Denver FISDO



6/25/2021

Dear Neighbor:

The Airport Board has requested feedback from regulatory agencies to help it consider the appropriate PFAS threshold at which water filtration systems will be offered for installation on domestic water wells at Airport expense. The Board has now received that feedback and will be discussing this Action Item at a Special Board Meeting to be held on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am, in the Jackson Hole Airport Firehouse Training Room.

The public may attend this meeting either in person, or virtually by using the WebEx meeting link located on the Airport's website home page. This link will be visible on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and will go live at 8am on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.jacksonholeairport.com](http://www.jacksonholeairport.com) to participate in this meeting virtually.

If you have any questions, please contact Meg Jenkins by emailing [megan.jenkins@jhairport.org](mailto:megan.jenkins@jhairport.org) or calling her at (307) 699-4387.

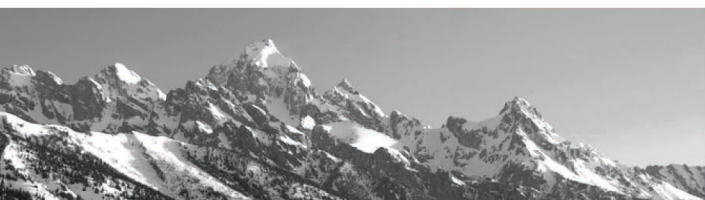
Sincerely,

**JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT BOARD**

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