

RMMA Advisory Board – Regular Meeting

June 9, 2021 Minutes

Approved at the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Advisory Board Members present included:

- Phil Rosnik – Chair
- Randy Holliday
- Matthew Karnes
- David Moser
- Joe Ramos
- Jansen Tidmore
- Charles Tingle
- Stephanie Troller

3. Approval of Minutes – May , 2021 minutes were approved as written. Randy Holliday corrected that he was present at the May meeting. Motion made by Jansen Tidmore, seconded by Randy Holliday to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Kate Antil – Living within 2 miles of the airport, she is frustrated by the increasing aircraft noise and lead-based fuel and related her concerns about the Strategic Business Plan survey and future growth of the airport.

Charlene Wiley – Voiced concerns over the Strategic Business Plan survey design and distribution and suggested the results might be bias.

Brad Walker – Stated his opposition to landing fees and mentioned that any further consideration of them would result in strong opposition from the aviation community. Also stated that the Strategic Business Plan survey was well designed for its purpose. Expressed concerns that the RMMA Community Noise Roundtable is searching for a way to become on par with the Airport Advisory Board.

Jeffco Commissioner Tracy Kraft-Tharp – Thanked the Airport Advisory Board for their service and expertise serving on the board.

Brian T. – Louisville resident concerned about noise pollution and suggests restrictions that require pilots to climb higher to increase the altitude of overflights over Louisville.

5. Business Items

a. Landing Fees – Jay Knutson

Jay Knutson presented on landing fees and the data he found when researching where landing fees are applied. He generally found that landing fees would not mitigate noise concerns at RMMA as at almost every airport, landing fees do not apply to the type of aircraft and operations that generate the vast majority of noise complaints. However, the implementation of landing fees would have the potential to reduce the economic impact of RMMA by encouraging corporate aircraft and job creators to seek other airports in the region.

Joe Ramos made a motion to not recommend landing fees at RMMA, seconded by Jansen Tidmore. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Embry-Riddle Noise Reduction – Phil Rosnik

Phil, as a member of the Board of Visitors, provided a briefing on the experiment to install muffler suppressors on the Embry-Riddle aircraft fleet at the Florida campus. After a successful engine bench test with a 15-20 decibel reduction, Embry-Riddle chose to install mufflers on the entire fleet. The per aircraft cost was \$5,000 in parts and \$2,000 in labor, and a total cost of \$500,000. Unfortunately, aircraft operators began experiencing engine hesitations when advancing the throttle from a low RPM setting. After numerous issues and one engine cut-off on go-around, Embry-Riddle decided to end the experiment and removed the mufflers. The manufacturer of the muffler system has since gone bankrupt.

c. Update on Strategic Business Plan – Phil Rosnik

Airport staff are mid-process on the plan. The board will have a chance to review the draft once it's issued and will keep the board's review to five business days with the possibility of a special board meeting to discuss the draft plan if needed.



6. Adjournment

The next airport advisory board meeting was set for July 14th and the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.