

Meeting Minutes

RMMA Community Noise Roundtable – Regular Meeting No. 15

April 11, 2022 - 9:00 AM

Approved at the May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting No. 16

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The April 11, 2022, RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Lacis at approximately 9:00 A.M. A quorum (at least 5 Members present) was Present, the roll was as follows:

Town of Superior	Mark Lacis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Town of Arvada	John Marriott, Councilmember
Boulder County	Matt Jones, County Commissioner
City and County of Broomfield	Deven Shaff, Councilmember
Jefferson County	Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
City of Westminster	Lindsey Emmons, Councilmember
City of Louisville	Kyle Brown, Councilmember
City of Lafayette	Tonya Briggs, Councilmember

2. Approval of the Agenda

Matt Jones moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Deven Shaff. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for March 14, 2022 RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting No. 14

John Marriott moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Tracy-Kraft Tharp. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Robert Butel, Town of Superior
Charlene Wiley, City of Westminster
Elizabeth Heidl, Skystone
Bri Lehman, City of Lafayette
Joe McGowan, City and County of Broomfield
Julie Hughes, Walnut Creek

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

- A. *Airport Director Update*
Airport Director Paul Anslow provided an update on recent RMMA operation and noise data, including quarterly statistics from January-March 2022. Roundtable members asked

for a further breakdown of complaints submitted over the phone versus online, as there were reports of the phone-based noise complaint system being down for a period of 3-6 weeks. There were also questions about the granularity of airport operations data (daytime vs. nighttime, type of operation, etc.). Matt Jones suggested that noise complaint data was not fully representative of the issue due to many residents not using or giving up on the noise complaint system.

B. RMMACNR Financial Update

Airport Planner Ben Miller stated that staff are still awaiting the last invoice from Primacy Strategy Group to complete their work for 2021. The assumption is that total invoices from Primacy Strategy Group will total \$20,000, leaving a fund balance of \$5,200 from the RMMACNR's 2021 budget. Airport staff have not yet invoiced RMMACNR members for their 2022 member dues due to the ongoing conversations over a potential increase in dues.

Staff currently estimate that they provide 10-20 hours of support to help facilitate the RMMACNR. Total in-kind contributions from Jefferson County staff were estimated at over \$20,000 for 2021. The airport will commit to continuing its support of the RMMACNR.

C. Consideration and Adoption of Roundtable Workplan

Mark Lacis and Deven Shaff revised the initial workplan, that was developed with the assistance of Primacy Strategy Group. The by-laws of the RMMACNR require that the roundtable review and adopt the annual work program to guide efforts going forward.

Matt Jones suggested that while this is a great start, there may be too many items on the work plan. He suggested prioritizing based on what will reduce or mitigate aircraft noise. He also stated that the RMMACNR should prioritize accommodating a Part 150 study as the old one was obsolete, as well as find a way for the RMMACNR to consider community ideas.

Paul Anslow clarified that a Part 150 study has never been completed at the airport. He also stated that the FAA would not require a Part 150 study for RMMA. Therefore, the \$800,000-\$1,000,000 necessary to complete a Part 150 study would require local funding. Mark Lacis mentioned that Centennial had completed a Part 150, and RMMA staff committed to research the circumstances that led to their Part 150 study.

Tracy Kraft-Tharp motioned to adopt the work program, seconded by Deven Shaff. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Presentation – Flight Schools Perspective on VFR Routing

Paul Anslow introduced a video produced by Bold Method, an RMMA-based flight training company, that detailed typical flight procedures and flight operations in and nearby the airport.

Following the video, RMMACNR members discussed how best to share this video with the public as an educational tool. Mark Lacin mentioned that the video impressed upon him the significant limitations on adjusting flight paths going forward. Paul Anslow responded that while some of the procedures, such as the flight pattern, are very fixed and prescribed, other sections of a flight are open to the pilot's discretion.

Tracy-Kraft Tharp asked how the consideration of equitable distribution of flights could be addressed based on what was discussed in the video. Paul Anslow responded that prevailing winds and pilot's choice of routing ultimately determine the distribution of routes. John Marriott also mentioned that the urbanized area and Class B Denver airspace to the south preclude training opportunities in that direction. Mark Lacin suggested that the most important lesson from the video is that the RMMACNR is not starting with all options on the table due to the existing constraints (airspace, FAA regulations, mountains, etc.). The RMMACNR should recognize these constraints and seek innovative solutions to address noise impacts.

Further discussion took place around traffic pattern operations and traffic spacing in the pattern. A single aircraft operating in the pattern can often fly a tighter and less impactful route than when numerous aircraft are operating in the pattern. Kyle Brown mentioned that the RMMACNR will need to find ways to think flexibly and creatively to address noise impacts.

6. Committee or Board Member Reports

Mark Lacin clarified that all RMMACNR members except Boulder County have approved an increase in dues. The by-laws also require members to confirm the dues for the following year should be set by July 31st. Therefore, the RMMACNR will need to have a discussion on both the one-time dues increased for 2022 and ongoing dues beginning in 2023.

Matt Jones stated that Boulder County will continue to contribute the regular dues set forth in the IGA that were intended to pay for a facilitator.

Tracy Kraft-Tharp mentioned that a poll was being conducted to organize another airport tour for RMMACNR members.

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjourn

Mr. Lacin adjourned at 11:07 a.m.