

Minutes for the Montana Airport Management Association

Fall Meeting

Helena, Montana

October 29th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00PM

MAMA President Shane Ketterling called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

INTRODUCTIONS - 4:01PM

Shane Ketterling introduced Steve Engebrecht from the Helena ADO and advised that Steve wanted to address the group. Steve briefed the group with regards to non-primary entitlements and trying to do a better job utilizing those funds. Steve expressed his desire to put together a committee comprised of representatives from consulting firms to facilitate best practices and priorities.

2025 LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION - 4:02PM

Tom Ebzery, lobbyist for the MAMA group, addressed attendees via Zoom regarding the upcoming session. Tom began with a brief bio on himself as well as a recap of the 2023 Legislative Session. Tom outlined the legislative process, key dates for the 2025 session and advised that currently no bills had been submitted that he believed to have an impact on airports. Tom and Shane queried the group to see if there were any requests for bills to which there were no requests from the floor. Tom does expect to see a bill related to Firefighters/FURS and confirmed with Tim Damrow from MSO that there will likely be another bill submitted this session. Rick Ryan from BTM also advised new house/state members that are likely to carry such a bill should it come up. Tom will continue to keep MAMA leadership apprised of any new updates as they develop.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 4:12PM

Jeff Roach moved to approve the minutes; Rick Ryan seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 4:13PM

Ross Marty presented YTD 2024 financials to membership and advised that revenues were looking strong. There was an AOM infusion that provided some additional funds in addition to lower-than-normal expenses in a non-legislative year.

FY2025 Budget was presented with no large changes other than lobbying expenses. Due to the upcoming session.

Current Account Balances

Checking: \$32,840.55

Savings:

Money Market: \$32,422.55

Total Assets: \$65,263.05 (Increase of \$15k y/y)

Jeff Kadlec moved to approve the budget; Rick Ryan seconded. The budget was approved as presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 4:15PM

Shane Ketterling advised the membership that there were several open and upcoming vacancies to MAMA Board. Shane asked for nominations from the floor for MAMA President, there were none.

President - Shane Ketterling nominated Ross Marty for President for next 2-years, Jeff Wadekamper seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President - Shane Ketterling nominated Tim Damrow for Vice President, Rick Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer - Shane Ketterling nominated Daniel Reimer for Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Roach seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Corporate Officer – Heather Mosser nominated Cory Kesler for Corporate Officer, Rick Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Aviation Officer - Shane Ketterling solicited nominations for GA Officer, none were received. Position will remain vacant.

Small Hub Airport Officer - Shane Ketterling nominated Kalem Gustafson for Small Hub Officer, Jeff Kadlec seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FLOURINE FREE FOAM/AVIATION WORKER SCREENING DISCUSSION - 4:18PM

Tim Damrow provided an update on transitioning from AFFF to F3 firefighting foam. Tim noted that each airport will likely take a different path to divest from AFFF but encouraged all MT airports to procure the same F3 foam for redundancy across departments. There is likely reimbursable funding that will be available but still to be determined. Tim advised he is happy to share MSO's RFP documents for Vehicle Cleanout with any interested airport.

Shane Ketterling updated the group on the background and status of Aviation Worker Screening and related lawsuits. The court of appeals recently held a hearing discussing the suit and allowed both

TSA and Airports Counsel to present their respective cases. Shane encouraged membership to ask questions during the Federal Security Director's presentation on 10/30.

AAAE STUDENT CHAPTER - 4:25PM

Shane Ketterling introduced Catalina Muchnick and Gracie Branson, who is starting a AAAE Student Chapter at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. Catalina gave a brief introduction and overview of the project that is trying to encourage students to pursue airport management careers. They both requested to be informed about any future volunteer or internship opportunities at airports so they could inform their peers.

MONTANA AIRLINE RENDEZVOUS UPDATE – 4:30PM

Jeff Roach provided an update on the 2024 Rendezvous hosted at BIL. There were 8 air carriers and 14 network planners in addition to airport attendees that participated in the networking events. The 2025 Rendezvous will be hosted by Glacier Park International Airport. Jeff encouraged future events to take timing of the rendezvous into account to limit conflicts and provide for better attendance.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – 4:34PM

BZN

- Taxiway Construction underway and completing shortly
- Terminal Construction (east) is beginning
- Fire Station and SRE Building being added to the east of the current facility
- Recently received a \$10M grant award for upcoming terminal construction

HLN

- Land acquisition to south of the airport
- Several hangar development projects but seeing strong demand
- Airport microgrid project to help make the airport more resilient to power grid failures
- Master Plan
- ARFF/SRE Equipment acquisitions
- Non-Aeronautical development
- Busy season at fire training center. One of the only training centers in country that does not use AFFF

BTM

- Jet bridge project being completed shortly
- Fire over Memorial Day and working on rebuilding plans for Spring 2025
- SRE Acquisitions

WYS

- Up slightly on the year for air service (4%)
- CRJ-550 overview and benefits for WYS market
- Daily DEN will return next year, SLC continues
- New terminal will be completed January 2025
- MALSR replacement
- ARFF Truck acquisition from Sun Valley Airport

GPI

- Double digit passenger growth through the summer
- Terminal construction continues, next phases open in June 2025 and June 2026
- Upgraded to Index C for summer flight schedule
- Commercial apron expansion
- Several hangar and land purchases
- Master Development Solicitation for aeronautical development
- Landside expansion, parking lots
- Runway Rehabilitation in 2026
- Staff Growth

MSO

- Lots of growth, 2 new carriers, Frontier and Sun Country
- Master Plan finishing up
- Terminal Construction is nearing completion by March 2025 and final gate in Oct 2025
- Parking Lot Expansion and Equipment Updates
- Aviation Worker Screening and SMS Implementation
- Explore MSO Guest Pass Program
- Foam Transitioning Plan
- Solar/Hydrogen Development projects
- Runway Rehabilitation Fall 2025

BIL

- B Concourse Opened April 2024, 8 jet bridges and hold rooms
- Resurfaced access road
- Cargo Ramp Construction for UPS
- Master Plan in progress
- Parking Constraints and evaluation parking garage
- Remodel of airline ticket counters, ATO, baggage claim and TSA Baggage screening
- Refresh terminal building exterior
- Closure of crosswind runway for a full reconstruction

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4:55PM

No additional announcements

ADJOURNED – 4:56PM

MAMA President Shane Ketterling adjourned the meeting at 4:56pm