



Lea County Airport Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Meeting date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Lea County Event Center
5101 N. Lovington Hwy, Hobbs, NM 88240

The Lea County Airport Advisory Board (LCAAB) held a regular meeting at the Lea County Event Center on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Members present were Brad Woody, Elizabeth Fields and W.E. “Gooser” Armstrong.”

Also present were Lea County Assistant Manager and Public Works Director Corey Needham, Kent Freir with Molzen Corbin, Matt Quick with Coffman Associates and citizen Jay Patton.

Woody was elected board chair and Armstrong was elected board vice-chair.

The board unanimously approved the Open Meetings Act resolution and the minutes of the September 10, 2023, meeting.

Quick presented the board with master plan updates for the Zip Franklin Memorial Airport in Lovington and the Jal Airport. Proposed updates to both airports include short-term (0-5 years), intermediate-term (6-10 years) and long-term (11-20 years) projects. The projects will receive both federal and local funding and are subject to final approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Some of the many projects specific to Lovington include runway lighting, increasing runway pavement strength, apron rehabilitation, redeveloping the existing fuel island, and additional parking. The total estimated cost for the projects is \$14,890,680.

The Jal Airport will also see numerous projects take place, including a new apron, rerouting perimeter fences and an access road, expansions to the terminal and parking, and extension and widening of runways. The estimated total cost of the proposed projects is \$13,467,200.

The next meeting was not set.

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