

**MONTANA AERONAUTICS BOARD
REMOTE MEETING
LAD #1 Recommendation
June 13, 2024, 4 p.m.**

Aeronautics Board

Bill Lepper, Board Chair
Grayson Sperry
Matthew Prinkki
Tim Robertson
Greg Smith
Robb Bergeson
Wade Cebulski
Pam Chamberlin

Department of Transportation

Tim Conway, MDT Aeronautics
Karen Hallenbeck, MDT Aeronautics
Stephen Torske, MDT Aeronautics
Tyler Moss, MDT Legal
Kelsie Watkins, MDT

Call to Order

Chair Bill Lepper called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.
Roll call established a quorum; eight (8) board members were present.

Public Comment

Bill Lepper asked for public comment. No public comments were provided.

Legislative Audit Response

- Members of the Aeronautics Board reviewed the Legislative Audit response letter that was drafted by the committee that consisted of three board members.
- The audit response letter intends to:
 1. State the Board's acknowledgement and understanding of the concerns expressed in Recommendation #1 of the audit.
 2. Share their intention to implement a scoring system for use in the award of loans and grants.
 3. Communicate the complexities and variables involved in awarding loan and grant funds, and therefore the challenge with creating a fair scoring system involving informed judgement.
 4. Make it clear that the Aeronautics Division is tasked with the recordkeeping and reporting of the board meetings, to include any deviations from the scoring system.

Wade Cebulski made a motion to submit the letter to the legislative committee as written. Greg Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- The Board formed a committee to work on reviewing the Administrative Rules and look at documenting the process of awarding grants and loans. They consist of Bill Lepper, Tim Robertson, Pam Chamberlin, and Robb Bergeson. They will work to schedule a date.

Rob Berguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wade Cebulski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.