

MONTANA AERONAUTICS BOARD MEETING
MDT Aeronautics Division Office
Helena, MT 59620
November 5, 2025

Aeronautics Board In-Person

Wade Cebulski, Vice-Chair

Aeronautics Board-Virtual

Tim Robertson, Chairman

Matthew Prinkki

Tom Schoenleben

Tim Damrow

Robb Bergeson

Bill Lepper

Greg Smith

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Tim Conway, MDT Aeronautics

Karen Hallenbeck, MDT Aeronautics

Stephen Torske, MDT Aeronautics

Doug McBroom, MDT

Tyler Moss, MDT Legal

Call to Order

Chair Robertson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of October Minutes

Tim Robertson opened the floor for discussion of the June meeting minutes.

Wade Cebulski made a motion to approve the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes as presented, Bill Lepper seconded the motion, all board members voted aye.

Public Comment

Robertson then asked for public comment at 10:02 a.m. Tim Conway announced his retirement as Aeronautics Division Administrator at the end of the year. The Board offered congratulations. There were no members of the public present online or in-person with no public comment.

Board Business - State Grant Assurances

Robertson opened the floor for conversation regarding State Grant Assurances.

Hallenbeck at the request of Robertson described edits made to the draft grant assurances and comments received from Board members. Board discussed definitions and effects of certain terms in the document. Damrow commented on definitions including “aviation purposes”, “non-aviation purposes”. Discussion continued with clarification to parts 1A

and 3B, the definition of “project”, and intent to apply to projects awarded funds by Board rather than all projects existing at an airport. Some Board members commented on avoiding over-complication of language.

Board members asked MDT legal representative for clarification of terms and words relating to projects awarded funds by the Board, and what “projects” are encompassed by the proposed grant assurance language. MDT legal offered editorial comments and edits to further the Boards intent to confine the application to projects awarded funding by the Board.

Board Chair asks for further discussion. Damrow brings attention to term “compatible land use”. Several Board members agree the term meets the intended effect as written. Board Members offer general agreement for the term “Non-NPIAS” being removed on previous edits as not applicable.

Board Chair asked MDT legal what they need. MDT Legal asked for confirmation of what the Board intends the grant assurances to apply to. Robertson and Cebulski stated it applies to projects the Board has awarded funds, with no disagreement from other Board members expressed.

Bergeson stated he agrees with what the Board is doing and with apologies for having had another obligation, withdrew from the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Board Chair called for any further discussion.

Wade Cebulski made a motion to approve the Grant Assurances as discussed and presented, Matthew Prinkki seconded the motion. Six Board members voted aye. Lepper abstained. Motion carried.

Board Chair expressed congratulations to Tim Conway for his upcoming retirement and confirmed the date of the next Board meeting is Jan. 28 and 29, 2026 at MDT Headquarters in Helena.

Meeting Adjournment

Wade Cebulski made a motion to adjourn and Bill Lepper seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.