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CC: Mark Klingensmith <mwklingensmith@gmail.com>

Hi Kevin,

We met at the last Fremont County Airport (FCA) Advisory Board meeting on Sept 4th. The advisory board requested my participation on the board to which you asked me for a letter requesting a position on the board and my background credentials. Please advise on the process and status and next board meeting as appropriate.

Thank You,
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Background & Credentials

Growing Up in Colorado

A lifelong Colorado resident with extensive N. American, European, and Asian travel & cultural business experience. My family moved to C. Springs in 1965. I have resided in the Colorado Springs area until moving to Canon City October 2024. I live in the NE Canon portion of the Canon City area. My post high school education includes a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering graduating with Honors / Eta Kappa Nu, and a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Telecommunications (Technology, Economics, Legal / Regulatory), both from the University of Colorado Boulder. I have traveled to Canon City many times over the years. I like the area, and see it as the "Gateway to Southwest Colorado" given the nature, recreation, adventure that exists beyond it along with its proximity to C. Springs and the other Front Range cities of Colorado. Fremont County has a rich heritage of agriculture, ranching, tourism, federal and state penal facility support as well as the many activities in the area as part of the Arkansas River Corridor.

Work Experience Synopsis

My work life to date has included ~20 years at Hewlett-Packard (HP / Agilent / Keysight) in Colorado Springs in various positions including engineering, engineering management, project management, marketing, global management, and another ~20 years working for the AT&T Chief Technology Office (CTO) on large communication / network projects in N. America, Asia and Europe. At AT&T, I contributed in similar roles to HP along with a significant focus on Federal government communication / networking

contracts, business development and contract bids in that area. I retired from AT&T and corporate life in June 2024.

Flying Background

My Father was a career Air Force and commercial pilot. Hence, I've been around flying, aircraft, airports and pilots my entire life. I started flying at 10 years old with my Father, and have been flying in one form or another since. I have over 2,000 hours of flight time including soaring, ultralights and general aviation aircraft. I've rented or owned aircraft my entire life to include gliders, ultralights, a Cessna 182Q and the 2008 Wittman Tailwind I currently fly. I own Hangar 20 at the Fremont County Airport and know the airport staff.

Ability to Contribute with the Fremont County Airport Advisory Board & Community

I see the Fremont County Airport as a great aviation facility, with great potential given its location and favorable weather conditions. It has the potential to support economic growth in the county, bring in additional revenue of its own, and coexist fruitfully in the county and state, enhancing the area. Believe I can help guide, advise and make decisions as a member of the FCA advisory board. Hence officially submitting my interest in helping to support the FCA's management, development and growth that adds value to the area. I look forward to hearing from the Fremont County Board regarding this position.

Thank You,
Mark

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