

**S I D N E Y - R I C H L A N D
A I R P O R T A U T H O R I T Y**

Airport Manager:
Ryan Huotari

Airport Board Members:
Walt McNutt, Chairman
Russell Huotari, V. Chair
Alan Seigfreid, Secretary
Kale Petrick, Member
Brett Berry, Member

Date: January 15, 2026

From: Russell Huotari
920 12th Street SW
Sidney, MT 59270

To: Mayor Rick Norby
City Council Members

Re: Airport Board Re-Appointment

I am requesting to be re-appointed to the Sidney-Richland Airport Authority.

Since my appointment to this Board in February 1994, I have gained experience dealing with many topics :

Continuously changing FAA and TSA rules and regulations
Maintaining the current Essential Air Service (Cape Air 5-flights daily)
Changing community impacts such as increased medical flight services
Weather related changes to operations
Runway reconstruction and terminal expansion projects
Capital Improvement Plan development
On-going budget issues to fund operations and increased demand for services

Being retired, I have the time to devote to this position. As a former pilot and County Department Head, I feel I contribute to the Board. I have a sincere continued interest in working with the present Board, management, and staff, to make the airport one of the safest and progressive operations in the state.

I respectfully ask for consideration to fulfill another 5-year appointment to the Sidney-Richland Airport Authority.