

SIDNEY-RICHLAND  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY

***Airport Manager:***  
Ryan Huotari

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

Date: January 15, 2026

From: Russell Huotari  
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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.