



Board Officers:

October 31, 2017

Chairman

Ms. Tricia Treece

Mike Johnson

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
Little Rock, AR 72118

Vice Chairman

Sara Lilygren

Dear Ms. Treece,

Secretary

Phil Phillips, Jr.

As the primary commercial service airport for the local region, we realize the importance of our role in preservation of the environment, as reflected on our mission statement which dictates, "Environmentally conscious travel and development will be used to protect the natural splendor of the region while providing reliable, cost-effective and convenient transportation for the public we serve." Some of the measures we have taken as an organization to reduce our carbon footprint and promote the environment include:

Treasurer

Stan Green

Board of Directors:

Raymond Burns

- Installation of electronic hand dryers as an alternative to paper towels
- Replacement of Incandescent lightbulbs to LED for our roadways and parking lot and terminal lighting
- Replacement of gas powered golf cart shuttle with electric powered vehicles
- Replacement of aging airport fleet vehicles with more fuel-efficient vehicles

Dan Douglas

Art Formanek

Howard Kerr

More importantly, we also realize the importance of leading the community through example, by replacing existing wasteful practices with more sustainable and environmentally conscious alternatives. As we continue to develop in our role as an environmentally-conscious leader in the community, we understand that there is always room for improvement, which is why we are very enthusiastic about the opportunities that this program can provide. On behalf of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority, I write this letter to demonstrate our support for the current draft of the state's proposed Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) with the following suggestion:

Art Morris

Mike Moss

Shelley Simmons

Philip Taldo

Blake Woolsey

- Consideration for the ADEQ to specifically address disbursement of funds among other state airports. Although airport ground support equipment is eligible under the current BMP, eligible mitigation actions such as class 8 trucks, class 4-8 eligible buses, class 4-7 local freight trucks and light duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment are all potentially relevant to aviation and airport operations. It is our opinion that a portion of those funds must be reserved for fair disbursement among airports, as they are an integral part of our state's infrastructure.

Mitchell Johnson

Executive Director/CEO

Scott Van Laningham

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Airport Director

Kelly Johnson, A.A.E.

Respectfully,

Director of Finance

Terry L. Franklin


Kelly L. Johnson, A.A.E.
Airport Director

Legal Counsel

John R. Elrod

Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport