



Messer elected to head Naples Airport Authority board

NAPLES, Fla. (May 5, 2017) – The board of commissioners of the City of Naples Airport Authority elected Donna M. Messer chair for 2017.

The board is comprised of five citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Naples City Council for four-year terms to govern the Airport Authority. Other commissioners are Vice Chair Dick Evans, Ted Brousseau, Michael J. Lenhard and James T. Rideoutte.

Messer heads a Naples firm that specializes in coaching, mentoring, team building and facilitation, and consults on labor-management collaboration. She previously spent three decades with American Airlines in a variety of executive positions.

Evans holds a business degree from Kent State University, worked for 3M for 34 years and retired from a military electronics firm in 2000. He became a full-time Naples resident in 2003 and served on the Airport Authority's Noise Compatibility Committee prior to being appointed to the board of commissioners.

Brousseau has been a certified private pilot since 1964 and was honored in 2015 by the FAA with its Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the most prestigious award it offers to certified pilots. A Naples resident since 1971, Brousseau retired in 2006 after serving 27 years as a Collier Circuit judge.

A private pilot and member of the Naples Pilots Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Lenhard retired as president and CEO from National Records Centers Inc. in Dallas, Texas, after more than two decades in the records and information management industry. He currently serves as treasurer on the Aqualane Shores Association Inc. board of directors.

Rideoutte held executive assignments throughout the country during his career with the IRS. After retiring to Naples in 1989, he became an active community volunteer and served as executive director of The Naples Players for 12 years.

Naples Airport Authority meetings are held monthly at Naples City Hall; they are open to the public and available for online viewing through the city's website. For the meeting schedule, visit www.FlyNaples.com.

Naples Municipal Airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies, and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and other community services. During the 2015-16 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,050 takeoffs and landings.

All funds used for the airport's operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or federal and state grants from aviation-related user fees; the airport receives no property tax dollars. The Florida Department of Transportation values the airport's annual economic impact to the community at \$283.5 million.

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