

## AVIATION BOARD BACKGROUND LETTER

**Aviation Board Meeting Date:** July 19, 2021

**To:** Chair Richmond and Aviation Board Members

**Cc:** Mitch Reynolds, Mayor

**From:** Ian Turner, Airport Director

**Subject:** 21-1010 – Approval for the Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport to sign a Request for Military Aerial Support for Airfest 2023 and 2024

### Summary:

La Crosse Airshows, Inc., is the entity that organizes Airfest. They have requested the Airport to sign the Request for Military Aerial Support in hopes of receiving a commitment from the US Navy Blue Angels, US Air Force Thunderbirds, or any potential military demonstration teams to perform at future Airfest events.

### Previous Action:

The Aviation Board approved the same request by item 20-0802 in 2020.

### Background:

In recent years, the aerial demonstration teams for the armed forces have adjusted the timelines for scheduling air shows. Requests for teams must be submitted two years in advance, which is sooner than other planning activities for an event such as Airfest. This item allows the Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport to sign the required document to schedule demonstration teams which will allow La Crosse Airshows, Inc., to begin planning for the next Airfest.

### Financial Implications:

There are no associated costs with this item.

### Stakeholder Process:

The item is placed on the Aviation Board's agenda for input and approval.

### Alternatives:

This item could be denied, in which case no Airfest would be held in 2023 or 2024.



**Staff Recommendation:**

It is the recommendation of staff to approve this item.

**Attachments:**

None

