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**Joel Meyer of Wellsburg, IA Elected 2024 NAAA Secretary**

ALEXANDRIA, VA – January 18, 2024 – The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) is pleased to announce that Joel Meyer of Meyer Agri-Air in Wellsburg, Iowa has been elected secretary of NAAA for 2024. Meyer Agri-Air, an aerial application business. Meyer grew up on a dairy farm and when he realized that he could combine his love of flying with agriculture, he worked to begin a career as an ag pilot and started treating fields in 1994.

Meyer has been a member of NAAA since 1998 and began serving on the NAAA Board of Directors in 2022. He has served on the NAAA Awards, Convention, Governing Documents, Government Relations and Precision Agriculture Committees. Meyer has also been very active in the Iowa Agricultural Aviation Association and served as President twice.

Meyer’s operation has nine aircraft; two Air Tractor 502s and seven Air Tractor 602s, as well as a Bell 206 L-3 LongRanger helicopter and he employs almost 50 people during the busy season. Most of his pilots work in other areas of the U.S. during other regions’ busy seasons. His operation treats commercial corn, commercial soybeans, seed corn, seed beans and they have been seeding cover crops by air for many years.

In his role as secretary, he wants to make sure that ag pilots understand the importance of association membership. “NAAA membership shows my employees and neighbors that I belong to an association that adopts the same principles and best practices that I have for my business. NAAA does a lot of good for our industry and for our businesses to continuously adopt new, more effective and efficient technologies and techniques and to further promote professionalism and stewardship,” stated Meyer.

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