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Tim Swanson of Elsie, Michigan Named 2025 NAAA Secretary

ALEXANDRIA, VA – January 8, 2025 – The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) is pleased to announce that Tim Swanson, of SLF Air, LLC, an aerial application operator in Elsie, Michigan, has been elected secretary of NAAA for 2025.

After a career in farming, Swanson changed direction at age 27, earning his pilot’s license and attending the Flying Tigers Aviation aerial application program. His ag aviation career took off in 2011. Swanson’s company, SLF Air, LLC, based in Central Michigan, serves a wide area across the state, primarily focusing on potatoes and vegetables.

Swanson has held leadership roles with the Michigan Agricultural Aviation Association (MAAA) and the NAAA. He has served as Executive Secretary of MAAA since 2015 and a board member of NAAA since 2017. He has served on numerous NAAA committees and is a passionate advocate for the industry.

Swanson is driven by his commitment to advocate for the ag aviation industry and his belief in the power of collective action. “We have to work together as an industry,” he said, noting the challenges from special interest groups targeting agriculture. Swanson’s primary goals for NAAA include increasing membership, advocating for health and life insurance options for members, and ensuring that the collective voice of ag aviation is heard, especially in the face of opposing forces with deeper resources. He stated, “We need the resources and the backing of an organization like NAAA to fight for our rights.”

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The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) represents the interests of the 1,560 small businesses in the U.S., whose owners and pilots are licensed as professional commercial aerial applicators that use aircraft to enhance food, fiber, and biofuel production, protect forestry and control health-threatening pests. For more information, please visit AgAviation.org.