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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

July 26th, 2023

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order - Zech Papp called the meeting to order at 09:01am. Present in person were Zech Papp, Ethan Smith, Rob Dubin, PT Wood, Jim Dixon. Present on Zoom were Beth Helmke and Christy Doon.
2. Approve June 28th, 2023 Meeting Min.- Dubin moved to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes. Dixon seconded. Unanimous in favor.
3. Public Comments- None
4. New Business
 - a. City of Salida and Chaffee County Budget Discussions- Zech shared an update on his budget discussion presentation with City and County last week. He covered main projects on the capital improvements list over the coming years through 2031.

Upgrade to above ground fuel tanks and addressing current fuel farm issues is the priority. Will be working on budget worksheet for county in anticipating FY24 budget request. Master plan should be updated each 10 years; as the airport completes current projects, will likely be able to make incremental updates, rather than create new from scratch.

Dubin shared his appreciation for the work the airport staff is investing into the site upkeep and aesthetics, noting its vastly improved and looking good.

5. Old Business
 - a. 2023 Projects
 - i. AWOS- Zech shared that the AWOS grant was executed, and contracts also finally done. Start ordering supplies soon, as lead time is ~30-60 days out on equipment. Will start infrastructure for the project here in coming few weeks. Expect Oct/Early Nov for AWOS installation.
 - ii. Shop Expansion- Zech shared the shop expansion has taken a back seat, as most pressing issue is Fuel Farm.

b. Fuel Farm

Zech shared that he and County and City staff have been looking at grants to help underwrite the ~\$1.8 million dollar expense for the new fuel farm. DOLA Energy Impact Assistance Fund grant will be drafted by Beth, Zech, and Christy, and ratified by BOCC and then submitted Aug 1st. Proposing to seek \$1m in support, with the county/salida to cover balance of costs. Feels the fuel farm upgrades will bring in additional business, in combination with relocation of AWOS that will allow for more tie-downs,

aircraft parking, etc.

c. Hangar Lease Salida Soaring Co. - Hangar Lease being worked up for Salida Soaring – agreement is with County legal for review. Casey Meeks and wife taking that spot. Will attempt to do one large site – or three small ones if big is not possible due to height restrictions or similar..

6. Manager's Report – Zech reported on Activities during last weeks:

- Fuel sales are pretty standard for past years. Seeing larger number of charter flights (mostly residential private) recently.
- Obtained some electric golf carts (x3) to help with on-site staff logistics.
- Main focus is AWOS project and getting ready for the Air Show (September 16th, 2023)

7. Adjourn- Meeting Adjourned – Dixon; Rob Dubin seconded. All approved. Adjourned 9:14 am

