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Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board
Thursday, December 14, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Via ZOOM Conference Call and In Person at Government Center
Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room

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MEMBERS ATTENDING: Kate Garwood, Mike Bischoff, Bill DeLay, Adriane Kuhn, Bonnie Davis, Tom Brown

STAFF: Don Reimer, County Administrator

GUEST: Zech Papp, Harriet Alexander Airport Manager

I. Call to Order

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION was made by DeLay, seconded by Brown, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

III. Approval of October 14, 2023 Minutes

MOTION was made by Brown, seconded by DeLay, to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Commissioner's Report -- Commissioner Baker

There was no update from Commissioner Baker.

V. Old Business

A. Update on Meeting with Central Colorado Airport Board

DeLay introduced Zech Papp, Airport Manager of the Harriet Alexander Airport in Salida. Papp provided an update on activities at the airport which included: Improvements to the weather station; updating and replacement of the “fuel farm;” extension of the taxiing portion of the runway; wildlife fencing; and applications for grants to improve the terminal and add hangers.

Papp explained that the airport was heavily dependent upon grants and fuel sales for funding. The FAA designated $150,000 annually to the airport, but since that was such a small amount considering the costs of running and improving the airport, they participated in a grant sharing program that provided the airport $600,00 every 4 years.

B. Transit Update

1. Chaffee Shuttle

   Bischoff provided an update on the activities at the Chaffee Shuttle, including the Buena Vista to Salida weekday route, the San Luis Valley on-demand routes, the Antonito to Alamosa route launch which was scheduled to operate on Mondays and Fridays. He noted that the Shuttle had received a request from Leadville for trips to HRRMC for dialysis treatments for a few patients.

2. Bustang

   Bischoff also provided an update on Bustang issues in the area. He noted that CDOT had been working with the City Council in Canon City to reestablish a stop in the community. It had been halted over the summer due to local concerns that had been resolved.

VI. New Business

A. Board Members Terms

Garwood noted that there were four seats that would be open as of January 1, 2024. Those included Jenny Davis, Adriane Kuhn, and Bonnie Davis, current members of the TAB. Also, earlier in the year, Wendy Rombold had resigned, leaving a total of four seats open. Jenny Davis informed the TAB via email that she would not be requesting reappointment at this time.

Information was provided to the current TAB members to request reappointment, if they desired.

MOTION was made by DeLay, seconded by Brown, to recommend that the following members be reappointed to the TAB with three-year terms for 2024: Adriane Kuhn and Bonnie Davis. MOTION CARRIED

B. Officers for 2024

Garwood stated that a full slate of officers would be needed for the new year as she would be stepping down to assist in training/supporting a new chair and the secretary had resigned. This would be addressed at the February 2024 meeting following action by the Board of Commissioners.

C. Meeting Schedule for 2024

The 2024 schedule for TAB meetings was discussed; there were no alterations.

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 11, 2024