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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Steve Bush called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present in person were Airport Manager Zech Papp, Tara Miller, Steve Bush, Jerry Cunningham, Charles Collman, Randall Cone, Jim Oglesby, Barabara Struble, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, Salida Councilman Aaron Stephens, Chaffee County Administrator Don Reimer, and Airport employees Ethan Smith and Justin Mann. Participating in the meeting via zoom was Michael Marino,

2. Minutes for Approval

Jerry Cunningham moved to approve the December 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Barbara Struble seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. Welcome New Airport Board Members – Randy Cone has been reappointed to the Airport Board and Jim Oglesby has been appointed to fill the remained of Dennis Dempsey's term.
- b. Other Airport Projects – The wildlife fence was discussed, as there was an issue with the fence and the AWOS after the solar part of the system was removed and it was hard-wired. That issue has been resolved. There is one section of the wildlife fence that will be repaired and replaced. One of the Airport courtesy cars may be replaced with a 2006 Dodge Caravan soon.
A lot of dirt has been moved to the dirt stockpile recently in preparation for the taxiway extension. The dirt is being processed as it's moved. There are several ongoing projects that the State reimburses the Airport for, and those were discussed. Two more pallets of crack-fill material has been purchased, which the State reimbursed the Airport for. The traffic monitoring system the Airport was testing last year is going to be kept, as the cost turned out to be \$600 per year after the State's reimbursement. The State also reimburses the Airport for the AWOS maintenance costs, 90% of the costs, or up to \$10,000.



Federal funding concerns were discussed.

5. Old Business

- a. Fuel Farm Project, Bid Schedule – The bids for the fuel farm closed yesterday. The bids came in much higher than anticipated. Discussions about how to move forward will occur over the next couple of weeks. There was a brief discussion about potentially putting the fuel farm project back out for bids for a civil package and an electrical package to see if that generates more reasonable results.
- b. Taxiway A Project, Bid Schedule – The bids for the taxiway A extension close tomorrow. If the civil sitework on the fuel farm project is not completed before the Taxiway A Extension, that could cause some issues with the extension project.
- c. 2025 Airshow – The Airshow is set for September 6th, 2025. Three performers have been booked, along with an announcer. Shawn O'Day has shared a spreadsheet with Zech showing the past and current sponsorship list, which Zech will share out with the Board. Parking may be an issue this year since the property across the road is for sale.

6. Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects – Fuels sales and operations are looking consistent with prior years. Zech and Ethan presented to the Rotary on Monday. The Airport Education PowerPoint presentation from a few years ago was updated for the presentation.

The State has issued the Economic Impact Study, which was done in 2020, and then again in 2024. The report can be viewed on CDOT Aeronautics website.

The 2024 impact study was more in-depth, as CDOT was onsite for the evaluation. The Airport's total economic impact is \$11.4 million per year.

"Salida Airpark" now has a sign across the road stating that there are lots for sale.

There has been a pre-application meeting with the Planning & Zoning Department, but there has not been an application for a subdivision submitted as of yet.

Jim Oglesby inquired about enhancing the Airport's Facebook page. At this time, no one is monitoring the page. Revamping the page may be something that the Airport looks at soon.

The Airport sign was blown down by the wind, and Ray Plumb has offered to help make a new sign, which will be installed on steel posts. Don Reimer instructed Zech to be sure and talk to the Planning & Zoning Department regarding sign requirements.

7. Adjourn – There being no further meeting business, Jerry Cunningham moved to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. Randy Cone seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Miller

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Secretary to the Airport Board

