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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Steve Bush called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Those present in person were Airport Manager Zech Papp, Tara Miller, Steve Bush, Jerry Cunningham, Charles Collman, Jim Oglesby, Barabara Struble, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, Chaffee County Administrator Don Reimer and Airport employees Ethan Smith and Justin Mann. Participating in the meeting via zoom was Randall Cone.

2. Minutes for Approval

Barbara Struble moved to approve the February 26th, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Jerry Cunningham seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. Airport Wildlife Fence – There is a section of the electric wildlife fence that is currently turned off. Eight-foot-tall wildlife fencing has been purchased and will be installed this summer. The Southwest Conservation Corps will be assisting with installation of the new portion of fencing.

5. Old Business

- a. Fuel Farm Project / Taxiway A Project – These items were discussed together. Both projects were put out for bid. The Taxiway A extension project will be moving forward with the lowest bidder. The Fuel Farm project bids were all over budget, so the County Commissioners will be discussing how to move forward with the project at their next meeting on April 1st.

6. Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects – It hasn't snowed much this year, and the staff has only had to plow 3 times so far this winter. Because the winter has been so mild, there has been more time for staff to perform equipment maintenance and landscaping. There has been some extra helicopter traffic lately, as PJ Helicopters has been back in the area performing some electrical work.



Shawn O'Day inquired about additional risk with the section of the wildlife fence being turned off. Zech stated that the staff is more vigilant watching for wildlife when there are issues with the fence. The new fence will alleviate those issues since it's eight feet tall.

Jim Oglesby inquired about flexibility with the budget. Zech spoke briefly about how the budget works, how some items are built into the budget, and how some items are built into the capital outlay plan.

7. **Adjourn** – There being no further meeting business, Barbara Struble moved to adjourn at 9:16 a.m. Jim Ogelsby seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board