



Salida Airport at Harriet Alexander Field

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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2025

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Steve Bush called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Those present in person were Airport Manager Zech Papp, Tara Miller, Steve Bush, Jerry Cunningham, Randall Cone, Barbara Struble, Jim Barker, Michael Marino, Shawn O'Day, Salida Councilman Aaron Stephens, Salida Finance Director Aimee Tihonovich, and Airport employees Ethan Smith and Justin Mann. Participating in the meeting via zoom was Commissioner P.T. Wood,

2. Minutes for Approval

Randall Cone moved to approve the March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Jim Barker seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. New Hanger West LLC Land Lease – Site N will be leased by Hanger West LLC. There is not currently a hangar on Site N, but Hanger West LLC plans to build one. Michael Marino stated that there are currently three partners involved with the possibility of a couple more. The current partners are Michael Marino, Brian Oliver and Phil Phillips. The hangar will be used primarily for private use with the potential for some rental space. The partners are hoping to break ground on the hangar by the end of the year. Phil Phillips was also present. Steve Bush moved to approve the lease. Barbara Struble seconded the motion. All approved.

5. Old Business

- a. Fuel Farm Project
- b. Taxiway A Project – The Fuel Farm Project and the Taxiway A Project were bundled into one discussion. The Fuel Farm project bids were all over budget, and negotiations with the lowest bidder were unsuccessful.



Pyramid Construction was awarded the Taxiway A project. To keep the Fuel Farm Project moving, the Airport will do a change order with Pyramid to include the civil site work for the Fuel Farm project.

Discussions on how to proceed with the Fuel Farm are ongoing, and reaching out directly to Fuel Farm manufacturers is being considered. Removing the old Fuel Farm was briefly discussed. Councilman Aaron Stephens mentioned that he knows someone that decommissions fuel farms and will ask that person to get in touch with Zech.

The grant for the Taxiway A Extension should be issued in the next several weeks, and Zech is hoping that the Airport will have the notice to proceed by mid-June.

- c. Airport Wildlife Fence – The hydraulic post pounder and the eight-foot wildlife fencing has been delivered, and that project will be underway when the Southwest Conservation Corps have their volunteers lined up.

6. Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects – Lagree's in Poncha Springs gave the Airport some dirt from behind the store, and dump trucks have been hauling that dirt into the Airport in preparation for the Taxiway A Project.

Staff have been working on the pavement edges around the Airport to fill in any gaps and drop-offs.

There was an issue with the main gate recently that caused some minor damage to a vehicle. Airport staff reprogrammed the gate to immediately alleviate the issue, and Zech will be placing a service call with England Fence.

At the beginning of May, all Airport staff will be attending a free aviation fuel safety seminar at Centennial Airport.

The crack fill machine is back at the Airport, and staff will be starting on that project before the weather gets too hot.

- 7. **Adjourn** – There being no further meeting business, Jerry Cunningham moved to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. Barbara Struble seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board