



Salida Airport at Harriet Alexander Field

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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 28, 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, Randall Cone, Jim Oglesby, Barbara Struble, Michael Marino, Commissioner P.T. Wood, and Airport employee Ethan Smith. Participating in the meeting via zoom was Shawn O'Day.

2. Minutes for Approval

Barbara Struble had one correction on the minutes. Barbara Struble moved to approve the amended April 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Jerry Cunningham seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. No new business to discuss.

5. Old Business

- a. Fuel Farm Project
- b. Taxiway A Project – The Fuel Farm and Taxiway A Projects were discussed as one item.
Most things are in place for the Taxiway A Project. The Airport is waiting on the FAA to issue the grant for the project, and then the Notice to Proceed will be sent to the contractor, Pyramid Construction.
Since the Fuel Farm Project bids came in over budget, the project is getting broken out into two parts: the civil site work and the fueling system itself. A change order has been submitted to Pyramid Construction for the civil site work for the Fuel Farm, and a proposal has been received from a fuel system manufacturer for the fuel system. Those proposals are being reviewed by the City and County.
- c. Airport Wildlife Fence – This project will be underway in the next few weeks once the Southwest Conservation Corps have their volunteers lined up. The non-electrified part of the fence will be repaired at this time, and



the Airport will consider moving the fence to the property line later. Two thousand feet of wildlife fence, sixty 10-foot posts, and a hydraulic post pounder have been purchased for the project.

- 6. Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects** – Eight thousand gallons of fuel was recently purchased, and the cost of fuel has gone down substantially. Traffic at the Airport has been fairly busy.

The older courtesy car and the fuel trucks have been painted, and Airport logos have been added to all the equipment and vehicles.

Commissioner Wood asked if the Airport was able to get dirt that Lagree's in Poncha Springs had offered for free, and it was confirmed that 60-100 loads of dirt have been received. It was not the grade of dirt that's needed for the Taxiway Project, but it will still be used on Airport property.

There are a couple of hangar projects upcoming for existing leases, and Zech is still getting inquiries about the upcoming developed hangar area.

Flight training has commenced and is occurring almost daily.

- 7. Adjourn** – There being no further meeting business, Jerry Cunningham moved to adjourn at 9:17 a.m. Michael Marino seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board