



Salida Airport at Harriet Alexander Field

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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Steve Bush called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Those present in person were Airport Manager Zech Papp, Tara Miller, Steve Bush, Jerry Cunningham, Charles Collman, Randall Cone, Jim Oglesby, Barbara Struble, Michael Marino, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, Salida Councilman Aaron Stephens, and Airport employee Ethan Smith. There were no participants on Zoom.

2. Minutes for Approval

Jerry Cunningham moved to approve the August 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Randall Cone seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. 2026 Budget – The budget hearings with Chaffee County were the last week of August. Zech stated that he had two requests during the budget hearing: make Justin Mann a full-time employee, and augment and drill a new well in the future hangar site area. There are now 50 letters of intent for new hangars in the future hangar site, and the development of that area may have to be pushed back due to budgetary constraints. There was a brief discussion about potential development plans for that area.
- b. Salida Airshow Debrief – The feedback from the community has been great. There was a minor incident on the morning of the Airshow where an aircraft landed at the Airport and struck the aircraft prop on one of the wooden barricades while taxiing. Zech worked through the reporting process for the incident for a couple of hours prior to the Airshow beginning.

Zech provided feedback on some of things he would like to do differently during the next Airshow:

- More volunteers are needed, specifically for parking
- Day before debriefing for volunteers and staff
- More radios and vehicles are needed



- Better signage for handicap parking, exits, no parking, etc.

5. Old Business

- Fuel Farm Project
- Taxiway A Project– The Fuel Farm Project and Taxiway A Project were discussed as one item.

Pyramid Construction is currently working on the Taxiway A Project. The Airport is scheduled to be closed Monday, September 29th through Thursday, October 9th. During that time, the following things will be done:

- Pyramid Construction will connect the new and existing runways.
- The Fuel Farm concrete will be poured.
- The entire airfield will be restriped. (There are some leftover funds in the budget for the Taxiway A Project and CDOT has approved using those funds to restripe the entire airfield.)

The Fuel Farm Project is moving along as well. The fuel tanks have been ordered and are expected in 6-10 weeks and the tanks will be set in December or January.

- Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects** – Fuel sales are steady, and Zech is expecting to sell more than 80,000 gallons for the year. Oil & Public Safety from the State recently came to check all the meter calibration, and there are two meters that need to be recalibrated. Loveland Meter has been lined up to recalibrate the meters soon.

The runway statistics device has been mounted in the shop and staff is working on getting that dialed in.

The staff continues to work on property maintenance and they've begun preparing for winter.

- Adjourn** – There being no further meeting business, Jerry Cunningham moved to adjourn at 9:23 a.m. Steve Bush seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Miller

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Secretary to the Airport Board

