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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026

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, Cory Bieganek, Randall Cone, Phil Phillips, Michael Marino, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, and Airport employee Ethan Smith. Jim Oglesby participated in the meeting via zoom.

2. Minutes for Approval

Steve Bush moved to approve the November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Randall Cone seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business –

Item c. was discussed first.

- c. New Airport Board Members – Cory Bieganek and Phil Phillips each introduced themselves and gave a brief background. Charles Collman's term expires on January 31, 2026, but there were no applicants for his seat. Chaffee County will republish the notice for that seat. Charles Collman will remain on the board until his seat is filled.
- a. 2026 Projects, Goals and looking into 2027
- b. Future Development Needs – Items a. and b. were discussed together – There are some new requirements with the Planning Department and the Building Department that Zech has been working his way through. The future hangar area needs to be environmentally cleared prior to any building, and a contract is currently in process for that. The Planning Department now requires a drainage plan for each new structure. Rather than having each new hangar owner complete that process prior to building, the Airport is considering doing a master drainage plan for that entire area and offsetting the cost by charging each hangar owner a set fee. Zech's goal is to get both the drainage plan and the environmental clearance done this year, and have the water and power infrastructure completed in that area in 2027.



Zech is continuing to work on updating the Airport's rules and regulations, standard operating procedures, and minimum construction standards, including fire safety standards. His goal is to be able to provide a complete informational packet to people that are building new hangars.

New board member Cory Bieganek asked a few questions about the master plan and the projects that are part of that, and there was a brief discussion.

New board member Phil Phillips asked if aircraft landings are logged, and Zech explained the new system that the Airport now uses, Runway Stats. There are antennas at the Airport that track and log data.

Randall Cone inquired about using the City of Salida's water tank that's near the Airport for water service in the future hangar area. Zech stated that he's talked to the City about that, and there isn't enough head pressure for that to be feasible.

5. Old Business

- a. Fuel Farm Project – The small amount of snow received in January is holding this project up. American Aviation, the contractor, is based in Florida, and they decided to pull their crew home due to the snow. The crew will return in the spring to continue work. The fuel tanks are currently being manufactured and will not arrive until the end of March. The old system will be decommissioned after the new system is in place, but likely not until 2028. Oil & Public Safety will determine how the Airport decommissions the old system when the time comes.
- b. Taxiway A Project – The Taxiway A Project is complete.

6. Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects – 2025 was a record year for fuel sales, with the Airport selling 83,000 gallons. There were approximately 7,000 operations. The gate that was damaged in 2025 will be completely repaired soon. England Fence will be coming mid-February to complete the gate repairs.

7. **Adjourn** – There being no further meeting business, Steve Bush moved to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Randall Cone seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board

