



Salida Airport at Harriet Alexander Field

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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026

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, Steve Bush, Randall Cone, Jim Oglesby, Phil Phillips, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, Salida Councilman Aaron Stephens and Airport employee Ethan Smith. Cory Bieganek participated in the meeting via zoom. Jared Bass with Dibble Engineering was also present in person.

2. Minutes for Approval

Jim Oglesby moved to approve the January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Phil Phillips seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. Future Development Possibility – The Master Plan shows a helipad in one location at the Airport, but it's currently in another location. Since the new Fuel Farm is in a different location than the old one, there is no need to move the helipad to the location called out on the Master Plan. That site can potentially be used for a new hangar, and there are already some parties interested in building there.

The cost of the ground leases for hangar owners was briefly discussed.

5. Old Business

- a. 2026 Projects – There are two new 2026 projects in progress: an environmental survey and a drainage plan for the future development area. Both projects must be completed before anything else can move forward with the future development area. The environmental survey contract is in progress and should be done soon, and the drainage plan will follow the environmental survey process. The cost of the two projects and possibilities for cost reimbursement by hangar owners was discussed. Jared Bass suggested doing a drainage plan for the entire Airport, not just the future development area, and that was briefly discussed.



- b. Fuel Farm Project – American Environmental Aviation’s crew will be returning from Florida to commence work once the weather warms up, and the fuel tanks should be delivered at the end of March or beginning of April.
- c. Taxiway A Project – This project is complete.

6. Manager’s Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects – The concrete for the new access gate has been poured, and the gate should be fixed mid-March. Fuel sales have been a bit slow recently due to the wind. A maintenance lift has been installed in the Airport’s hangar. Zech is working on making edits to the land lease pricing and expects to have that completed in the next couple of weeks.

7. Adjourn – There being no further meeting business, Phil Phillips moved to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. Steve Bush seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board