



Salida Airport at Harriet Alexander Field

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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2026

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Zech Papp called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Those present in person were Airport Manager Zech Papp, Tara Miller, Cory Bieganek, Clifton Brown, Randall Cone, Jim Oglesby, Phil Phillips, Michael Marino, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, Salida Councilman Aaron Stephens, and Airport employee Ethan Smith.

New Airport Board member Clifton Brown introduced himself to the board.

2. Minutes for Approval

Randall Cone moved to approve the March 25th, 2026 and March 31st, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Jim Oglesby seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

Hangar owner Ray Plumb made a public comment.

James Tharpe was also present but did not make a public comment other than introducing himself.

4. New Business

- a. New board member applications and interviews – There is currently one position open on the Airport Board due to Jim Barker not being present at a meeting for more than a year. Jim Barker was appointed by the City of Salida. The City advertised for letters of interest, and two people submitted letters. Zech requested board member volunteers to conduct interviews with the applicants with him. Jim Oglesby and Cory Bieganek will participate in the interviews which will likely be scheduled for next week.
- b. Newest Land Lease agreement discussion – There are three (3) twenty-year ground leases that expire in 2026 and three (3) that expire in 2027. The County recently revised the ground lease template, and the City of Salida approved the amendments. The lessees that have reviewed it have indicated that they have concerns with the new lease template and are not



willing to sign it as is. Following extensive discussion, the matter was deferred for further consideration at a later date.

5. Old Business

- a. 2026 Projects – See Manager’s Report.

6. Manager’s Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects – Old Business and the Manager’s Report were discussed together.

The Fuel Farm is nearly complete. All the concrete has been poured, and the tanks will be set at the end of the week. Once Xcel Energy has turned the power on and the testing phase is completed, the Fuel Farm will be fully operational.

The Taxiway A Extension is complete and the last bit of paperwork will be wrapped up in the next few weeks.

Fuel sales have been good.

The FAA performed an on-site inspection at the beginning of May, which went well.

The environmental study is nearly complete.

There is no cost estimate on the drainage plan yet, but the matter is in progress.

7. Adjourn – There being no further meeting business, Clifton Brown moved to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Michael Marino seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board