



Salida Airport at Harriet Alexander Field

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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

July 22, 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, Cory Bieganek, Clifton Brown, Randall Cone, Jim Oglesby, Phil Phillips, Robert Christiansen, Shawn O'Day, Commissioner P.T. Wood, Tara Miller, and Airport employee Ethan Smith. There were no participants in attendance via zoom.

2. Minutes for Approval

Corey Bieganek moved to approve the May 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Phil Phillips seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. Land Lease Agreement Discussion – The land lease agreement was discussed at length. Zech reached out to a firm on the front range that deals with airport specific documents, such as lease agreements, standard operating procedures and rules and regulations. He's going to get a proposal from them to see what the cost would be for them to revamp the Airport's documents. Chaffee County's new County Attorney has been on board with the County for a week, and Zech will also meet with her to discuss the lease agreement.

5. Old Business

- a. Airport Board Applicants and Interview Summary – There was one open seat on the Board due to Jim Barker's long-time absence. There were two applicants for the open seat. After interviewing both candidates, the City of Salida appointed Robert Christiansen. Robert provided a brief introduction and background. Zech provided a brief background on the second applicant, as they may apply the next time a seat becomes available.
- b. 2026 Projects – The final step to complete the Taxiway project is the GIS survey for the FAA and that is nearly done. The Fuel Farm is fully



operational, coming online June 24th, 2026. Decommissioning the tanks from the old fuel system will be costly and could potentially be a lengthy process.

6. **Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects** – Fuel sales are good, and the price of fuel remains high. Staff have not had to mow consistently this summer due to the dry conditions. Flight training has been busy. There has been quite a bit of transient traffic coming into the Airport. Barry Farah's hangar build is starting to move forward. Phil Phillips and Michael Marino's hangar build is also starting to move forward, as their permit was recently issued.
7. **Adjourn** – There being no further meeting business, Randall Cone moved to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Phil Phillips seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board