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Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes December 20th, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Steve Bush called the meeting to order at 9am. Those present in person were Zech Papp, Ethan Smith, Jamison Bernoudy, Tara Miller, Jerry Cunningham, Charles Collman, Jim Dickson, Jim Baker, Rob Dubin, P.T. Wood, and County Administrator Don Reimer. Participating in the meeting via zoom was Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke.

2. Minutes for Approval

Jim Barker moved to approve the August 23rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Jim Dickson seconded the motion. All approved.
The Agenda Summaries from September 17th, 2023 and November 15th, 2023 were acknowledged.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. New Business

- a. Open Airport Board Positions were discussed for the Chaffee County seats on the board.

Steve Bush and Dennis Dempsey are the current members with expiring terms.

Rob Dubin commented on how instrumental Dennis Dempsey has been in raising money for the annual Air Shows and has had an active role in a number of other things. Mr. Dubin moved to approve the recommendation for reappointment for Dennis Dempsey. Steve Bush seconded the motion. All approved.

Rob Dubin commented that Steven Bush has been a good president to the board and moved to approve the recommendation for reappointment of Mr. Bush. Charles Collman seconded the motion. All approved.

Randall Cone and Jim Oglesby, new applicants for the open Chaffee County positions, introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their qualifications. William DeLay's letter was read by Rob Dubin.



Discussion on the Chaffee County board seats ensued. It was decided that another vote needed to be held. Rob Dubin made a motion to reappoint Steve Bush and Dennis Dempsey. Jim Barker seconded the motion. All approved.

A vote was conducted to determine the Airport Board's recommendation for the third Chaffee County position on the board. The vote was:

Jim Oglesby – 0

Randall Cone – 4

William DeLay – 2

Rob Dubin made a motion to recommend Randall Cone to the board. Steve Bush seconded the motion. All approved.

Steve Bush and Zech Papp discussed contacting the city of Salida to see if they would like the Airport Board's recommendation for the city of Salida appointments. An interim meeting may need to be scheduled in order for the Airport Board to discuss those appointments if the city of Salida would like the Board's recommendation.

Michael Marino and Ardie Phillips, the new applicants for the city of Salida that were present, introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their qualifications.

5. Old Business

- a. AWOS – Zech spoke about the project being very near completion. The fencing is now complete. The Airport is hoping to have MESO-Tech install the remainder of the equipment, have the engineer come to finalize their portion, and have Pro Electric finalize the electrical possibly the week after Christmas. After those items are complete, the FAA will be here to commission the new system and decommission the old system. The hope is that this will all be completed by the end of 2023.
- b. 2024 Projects – Zech spoke about the early work being done for the taxi lane project, which includes the design, engineering and environmental for the project. Getting this work done early on will help ensure that the project can begin in 2025.
- c. Fuel Farm – The \$1 million DOLA grant was awarded to the airport. The new fuel farm will be placed in a new location. The new system will be commissioned when the installation is complete, and the old system will be decommissioned.
- d. End of the year wrap up on events and airport – There was no discussion on these topics.



6. **Manager's Report – Activities during last month; statistics of prior months; updates; other projects**
 - a. Fuel sales are currently in the mid 60 thousand gallons, which is in line with previous years.
 - b. The flight training is going well with about 15 students and approximately 60 hours a month. Centennial Flyers has discussed bringing in a second plane for training.
7. There being no further meeting business, Steve Bush moved to adjourn at 9:54 am. Rob Dubin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Miller
Secretary to the Airport Board

2024 Airport Board Meeting Dates:

January 24th

February 28th

March 27th

April 24th

May 22nd

June 26th

July 24th

August 28th

September 25th

October 23rd

November 27th – Do we need to move this up a week? Thanksgiving is the 28th

December 18th