

Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2017
Airport Advisory Board (AAB)
Custer County, Colorado

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dallas Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- II. **Roll Call:** Members present: Dallas Anderson, Alan Butler, Jack Decker, Bob Koester, and Robert Jolley. Members Absent: Dan Green. Guests present: David Collins and Bill Geipel. Commissioner Jay Printz, Ex Officio Member, was also present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were not available for the January, 2017 meeting.
- IV. **Amendments to Agenda:** Two items were added to Old/New Business: Say Weather and Signage.
- V. **Audience introduction/comments:** David Collins asked about the status of the policy regarding flying of model aircraft at the Airport. Chairman Anderson presented a document titled "Agreement for use of Silver West Airport/Butler Field by Model Airplane Enthusiasts". This document specifies acceptable use of Airport facilities by model airplane enthusiasts. The Airport board was asked by the County to comment on the document. After discussion Jack Decker moved to recommend that the County approve the policy, with the following two amendments. First, that the parenthetical statement on item 3 be removed and the hours of day that model airplane activity is allowed be specified as between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Second, that the period at the end of item 5 be removed and the following phrase added: "and comply with current AMA regulations." Robert Jolley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Printz stated he had confidence the model airplane use policy would be approved by the County Commissioners. Once approved, a copy of the final policy document will be attached to Board meeting minutes.
- VI. **Airport Manager's Report (Robert Jolley):** The aviation fuel dispenser filters were changed. Maintenance was done on the fuel system ground wires to extend their life. Additional maintenance is planned on the wiring.
Five new remotes for Airport entry gates have been acquired and will be offered to authorized individuals for purchase.
Mr. Jolley stated the need to keep volunteers involved at the Airport. One suggestion was to make it clear that volunteers are welcome to attend Advisory Board meetings and participate in Board discussions.
- VII. **Airport Fuel and Fund Report (Dallas Anderson):** As of January 31, 2017: 107.59 gallons of aviation fuel sold YTD; 2,021 gallons in the Airport fuel tank; Fuel account balance \$3,316.63; Administrative fund balance \$5,230.26; Capital account balance \$21,000.

Hanger leases brought in \$765 in January.

VIII. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Jack Decker):** Expenditures for January totaled \$1,659.88, which was somewhat higher than normal due to a required fuel system inspection and a fuel system repair charge. Expenditures for January and February, however, are expected to be only about \$300 higher than last year.

IX. **Old/New Business: CAO Report:** Members Anderson and Jolley attended a CAO meeting in Denver and gave a summary report. They had productive meetings with the FAA Regional Director and the USDA director. Two topics discussed were Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) policies, and mandatory wild life control training. In addition to it being a productive meeting, it was also reported that the food at the conference was very good.

New Fuel Dispenser: The County has budgeted funds for the new dispenser. Three bids will be solicited and the hope is to select a provider by mid-May. Thirty days will be allowed for bids to be submitted.

Tractor Repair: Some volunteers plowing snow may be improperly aligning the tractor's front and rear blades, causing excessive wear. Anyone using the tractor should be very careful to keep the blades parallel with the surface being plowed.

Revisit NPIAS Procedure: The possibility of receiving National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) funding was discussed. Because of the low traffic at Silver West and our non-conforming runway, funding through NPIAS is considered unlikely. Robert Jolley, however, stated that the airport needs to think long term and keep all options open, including NPIAS. The Board seemed to agree and will continue to monitor NPIAS funding possibilities.

Fly-In: Tentative plan is to have it at the end of August or in September. September 23, 2017 was suggested. Chairman Anderson will look for possible conflicts and alternate dates if necessary. The Board will finalize the date during the March Board meeting.

Say Weather: Chairman Anderson will take a request to fund "Say Weather" to the next County Commissioner's meeting. Accurate weather for pilots is an important safety issue and an AWOS system is still years away. "Say Weather" is a good alternative and much more affordable.

Signage: Donations will be solicited for 3 or 4 signs indicating that no vehicle parking is allowed on ramps or taxiways.

Other Items: Future activities that would affect the airport are: A ground school program at Custer County Schools; an Air Museum at the Airport; A Civil Air Patrol (CAP) squadron.

Commissioner Printz notified the board that Gary Hyde would be the new Road and Bridge Supervisor. Road and Bridge personnel provide primary snow removal at the Airport.

At 11:45 am, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting. The next AAB meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Decker, Secretary