

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dallas Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
- II. **Roll Call:** Members present: Dallas Anderson, Jack Decker, Dan Green, Bob Koester, and Robert Jolley. Members Absent: Alan Butler. Guests present: David Collins, Bill Geipel, and Lynn Lagree.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Bob Koester moved to approve the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Robert Jolley seconded. The Motion carried.
- IV. **Amendments to Agenda:** None suggested.
- V. **Audience introduction/comments:** Bill Geipel stated CC Commissioners gave him permission to use the water hydrant close to his hanger. However, that hydrant (on the west side of the taxiway) is not currently working. Either the hydrant has been disconnected from the well, or a shutoff on the line is closed. Robert Jolley and Dallas Anderson will investigate what is necessary to get the hydrant working.
- VI. **Airport Manager's Report (Robert Jolley):** Replacement Airport signage has been ordered. Two posts will be used for the new signs to avoid having the signs loosen and become detached due to the wind.  
The front door to the admin building needs a new seal. Cold air is not deterred by the current seal.  
A new quote for the "Say Weather" system will be requested. A discount price of approximately \$200 is being offered to replace the outside components of the system. While replacement of these components is not an absolute necessity, the life and accuracy of the system would be enhanced by having all new parts. Mr. Jolley stated that if the quote was under the \$3,500 approved by the Commissioners, then, he would order an all new "Say Weather" system.  
Mr. Jolley stated that if an AWOS system is installed, then "Say Weather" would have to be removed.
- VII. **Fuel and Airport Fund Report:** As of February 28, 2017 there were 1,714 gallons in the Airport fuel tank. 307.5 gallons of fuel were sold during February. The Fuel Fund contains \$4,058.93 and the Capital Account contains \$21,000.
- VIII. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Jack Decker):** March vouchers were not due until 03/23 (a week after the meeting), so as of the meeting date, March expenditure values were not

available.

- IX. **Old/New Business: Say Weather:** This item was addressed during the Airport Manager's report.

**Model Airplane Use at the Airport:** Bob Koester moved to approve the "Agreement for use of Silver West Airport/Butler Field by Model Airplane Enthusiasts" (document attached). Dan Green seconded. The final document was authored by County Personnel with the request that the Airport Advisory Board review the document and suggest any needed changes. No modifications were suggested and the motion to approve the document, as written, passed.

**New Fuel Dispenser:** Dallas Anderson stated the plan is to generate an "Invitation to Bid" ASAP. The hope is to get 4 bids and that installation would start May 8, 2017. A suggestion was made to add a late penalty clause to the contract.

**Revisit NPIAS Procedure:** Dallas Anderson noted that Commissioner Printz is planning to ask local organizations to write letters to the State Aeronautics Board communicating the value of the Airport to our community. The Commissioners would collect the letters and add a cover letter expressing their support. The hope is to lay the ground work for future requests for Airport funding.

**Fly-In:** No conflicts were found for the suggested September 23, 2017 Fly-In date. Jack Decker moved to have the Fly-In on that date and Bob Koester seconded the motion. The motion passed. Fly-In hours will be from 7 am to noon. Bill Geiple agreed to coordinate food planning. Dan Green will put the event on "Social Flight", and Robert Jolley will put it on World Fuel's website. A chairperson for the Fly-In will be appointed at the April AAB meeting.

**Airport Animal Control:** The USDA has agreed to train one or more board members on safety issues related to animal incursion at the Airport.

At 11:07 am, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting. The next AAB meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Decker, Secretary

Attachment follows

## **AGREEMENT FOR USE OF SILVER WEST AIRPORT/BUTLER FIELD BY MODEL AIRPLANE ENTHUSIASTS**

The Custer County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) agrees to allow model airplane enthusiasts (pilots) to use the facilities at the Silver West Airport/Butler Field (the facility) for unmanned flying operations subject to the following requirements and conditions:

1. For purposes of this Agreement, a model airplane is defined as an unmanned radio-controlled aircraft that is controlled remotely by an operator on the ground using a hand-held radio transmitter.
2. Drones, also known as quadcopters, are unmanned aerial vehicles and are considered to be model airplanes for purposes of this Agreement.
3. The operation of model airplanes and drones at the facility shall be permitted daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 400 p.m.
4. Every pilot operating a model airplane at the facility must be at least 16 years of age and must be a member in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
5. Every model airplane pilot using the facility must first provide proof of AMA membership to the AAB and must carry liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars). Such insurance is provided as a benefit of AMA membership.
6. All pilots using the facility for the operation of model airplanes must maintain radio contact with local air traffic at all times while conducting unmanned flying operations.

7. Any pilot who has an incident as defined herein must report such an incident to the AAB within 24 hours from the occurrence. An "incident" is any instance where property damage or physical injury is caused by the operation of a model airplane at the facility. This does not include damage to a pilot's own model airplane provided no other property damage occurs.
8. All model airplanes with camera capability shall be confined to operations within a 2500-foot radius of the facility.
9. No pilot shall operate a model airplane in a reckless or dangerous manner. If, in the opinion and judgment of the AAB, a pilot is engaging in such conduct then the AAB reserves the right to revoke that pilot's privilege to operate a model airplane at the facility. The decision of the AAB on such a matter shall be final.
10. All pilots shall be required to sign the Release and Waiver of Liability set forth below as a condition of using the facility for model airplane operations. If the pilot is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign.

#### RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I hereby release Custer County and the Airport Advisory Board from any liability and waive any and all claims and causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising from my presence at and my participation in activities at the facility described above. This release and waiver includes, but is not limited to, any and all property damage or physical injury I may suffer while on said premises.

Name of Pilot (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent (if Pilot is under the age of 18) \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ (membership card must be furnished with this signed Agreement and must be on the person of the Pilot at all times while engaging in operations at the facility)

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ (AAB Board Member)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_