



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Airport Board May 19, 2020

I. Call to Order / Attendance

A regular meeting of the Airport Board was called to order at 8:31 AM, Tuesday, May 19, 2020 by Chair Dennis Heap. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held remotely using Zoom Meeting. Additional Board Members attending were Mal Sillars, Bob Dimmitt, Jerry Steinauer, Taylor Albrecht and Airport Manager Jack Wyles.

Board members not present were Mark Godonis, Dan Courtright, Mark Muller, and Town Trustee Liaison Dave Volpe.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Heap led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2020

Sillars moved and Albrecht seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting. Unanimously approved.

V. Reports

A. Operations

Wyles reported that airport staffing is still alternating as a precaution for COVID-19 operations.

Next month's board meeting should be able to be held at the airport.

Most helicopter testing teams are still coming. Boeing will be here October into November.

The runway rehabilitation project is still planned. Bid notice was published in the paper. There will be a meeting with Dibble, and Board members will be invited to review the bids and look at the project schedule. Helicopter testing can continue during runway closures.

The AWOS was tested and is good for another year.

Considering a change of fuel provider to AvFuel. They are expected to give a quote that will include a better deal for the truck lease and point-of-sale system. Leadville uses them along with a couple of other airports. One advantage is that they will deliver half-loads of fuel without a penalty. AvFuel is dedicated to aviation fuel, while the current provider, World Fuel, is Phillips 66 and not dedicated just to aviation fuel. Heap

mentioned that he has 20 years of experience with AvFuel and is very supportive of the consideration.

B. Financial

Wyles mentioned that they are still trying to keep expenses very low and seem to be successful. No changes at the moment with regard to the Town.

Steinauer asked about the \$4,900 line item for AWOS. Wyles clarified that the inspection company bills for the entire year. CDOT will reimburse about 90% of this expense.

VI. Old Business

A. FAA CARES Act

Wyles mentioned that the initial application for funding was sent in about 1-1/2 weeks ago. Puckett will need to sign and then the \$20K grant will be deposited.

B. Central Colorado UAS

No update for the proposed Drone Flying Park. The UAS Roundup has been rescheduled for September 20-21, 2020. Dave Ulane of CDOT Aeronautics has confirmed attendance and will be a speaker.

VII. New Business

A. Board Discussion – Observations and Questions

Chair Heap solicited thoughts and comments from the Board. He mentioned that Federal and State funding of airports will be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 closures.

Airlines have taken a big hit. This is significant because locally DIA generates a great deal of revenue for CDOT which gets distributed to the smaller airports like KAEJ. Wyles mentioned that activity seems to be coming back and feels that KAEJ will fare pretty well. Airport may also see increased activity in wildland fire aircraft activity given the very dry conditions we are having. Sillars confirmed that the weather outlook for the summer is warm and dry, so fires are likely.

Steinauer expressed concerns about opening too quickly. If the virus wanes with temperature, things should be good. It will be a waiting game for the next two or three weeks to see what the impact is.

VIII. Other Business

There was not other business brought before the board.

A. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02am

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30am at the Airport conference room if allowed, and via Zoom Meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



CHAIR DENNIS HEAP

Taylor Albrecht
SECRETARY TAYLOR ALBRECHT