



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Airport Board June 16, 2020

I. Call to Order / Attendance

A regular meeting of the Airport Board was called to order at 8:31 AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 by Chair Dennis Heap. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held both in person and remotely using Zoom Meeting. Additional Board Members attending in person were Taylor Albrecht, Bob Dimmitt and Mark Godonis. Attending via Zoom meeting were Mal Sillars and Jerry Steinauer. Airport Manager Jack Wyles also attended.

Board members not present were 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 – May 19, 2020

Dimmitt moved and Godonis seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting. Unanimously approved.

V. Reports

A. Operations

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

Operations are picking up. There has been lots of activity over the last couple of weekends.

The Army Blackbird testing crew confirmed they will arrive at the end of June through July. The 169 arrives in mid-July through August. Expecting others during the fall as well.

Tad is recovering well from his injuries after falling off a ladder. Jack will be away for a little in June and Chandra in July

Still planning a BBQ but waiting to confirm the dates. Should be held in August for sure before the start of school. Definitely planned after the runway rehab project.

B. Financial

100LL sales is near last year's levels, while JetA is off but picking up.

They are still operating under an austere budget with the town. However, through a swap program the airport can hire two persons for 160 hours and the program pays their wages, not the Town. So, they have hired one Buena Vista and one Salida student for summer work.

VI. Old Business

A. Runway Rehabilitation Project

The same company has been selected as is completing the project at Salida airport. July will be very busy with the project slated to begin July 6. There will be closures during this time. The runway and connectors will be completed. Fixed-wing operations will be impacted while rotary helicopter operations may be able to continue.

B. FAA CARES Act

Wyles reported that all paperwork was filed and the town should have deposited a check. He will follow up with our FAA representative.

VII. New Business

A. AvFuel Supplier Consideration

Wyles reported they have decided to change supplies from World Fuel to AvFuel. The latter will provide a new truck and signage, point-of-sale system. The World Fuel contract is up in the fall and requires a 90-day notice, so change will take place in the fall. Heap reiterated his support of this move based on his 20+ year experience with them. It makes financial sense along with increased levels of service.

B. Board Discussion – Observations & Questions

Heap noted that Centennial Airport in Denver had record operations in May. Rifle's air freight traffic is going through the roof. It is clear that catering to niche markets are helpful to airport operations. This is evidenced by our helicopter testing as well.

Godonis asked about the status of rental cars being available at the airport. A discussion took place about the recent history of Enterprise and the possibility of having BV Jeeps or American provide vehicles. Wyles said he would look into those two companies as well.

VIII. Other Business

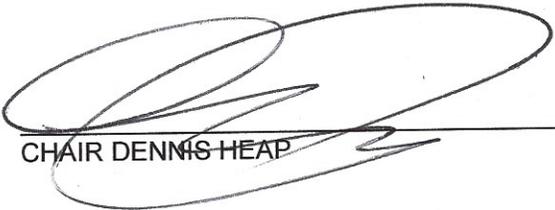
There was not other business brought before the board.

A. Adjournment

Dimmet moved and Godonis seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15am

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 8:30am at the Airport conference room if allowed, and via Zoom Meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



CHAIR DENNIS HEAP



SECRETARY TAYLOR ALBRECHT