



Glenwood Springs City Airport Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19th, 2016
7:30 a.m. – Community Development Conference Room

1. Attendance, Introductions:

Commissioners Present: Ginger Golden; Fred Gerbaz; Gregg Rippy, Richard Backe

City Staff Present: Dave Betley, Asst. Director Public Works; Dick Weinberg, Airport Manager

City Council: Todd Leahy

2. Acceptance of March and April Minutes

Called to order by Greg Rippy

Gregg Rippy made a motion to accept the March and April Minutes, Ginger Golden second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Airport Planning Map:

A discussion ensued as to how and final the Airport Master Plan Map. The Commission would like to see the new alignment being vetted through the Public process for south Bridge. Staff will try and obtain a copy of the map and distribute.

The Commission also requested a copy of the conservation easement that is recorded over the agricultural land located to the southeast of the airport. City staff will try and locate a copy of the document and distribute.

The Commission is considering making a recommendation to move the South Bridge alignment to City council upon further presentation of the conservation easement and the South Bridge alignment being reviewed.

4. Municipal Code & Airport Rules/Regulations Changes Update/Lien Determination from Karl Hanlon:

Discussion of this item was tabled until staff can complete the review of the documentation from the City Attorney.

5. Airport Improvements, How to Improve the looks of the Airport:

Improve Wayfinding. City staff will start the review process for compliance with the MUTCD. When the new Transportation Manager starts, the Airport Commission would like to have her review

wayfinding practices and make recommendations as to how to improve locating the signage.

A topic was discussed as to incorporating the rodeo grounds into the Airport Environ. It was felt that the City of Glenwood Springs has very little land to develop as commercial/industrial use. The lands around the Airport and on Devereux Road are the only areas that would support this kind of development. The previous opinions of staff were discussed.

It was also discussed as to hiring a Fixed Based Operation to help promote and manage the Airport. It was felt at this time it may not be economically feasible, but may be a future option if revenue at the Airport continued to grow.

6. Division of Aeronautics Grant

A news letter from the Division of Aeronautics was presented. Summarizing the document, the Department of Aviation will pay off the loan from the State of Colorado by 2020. Until that time the Division needs to abide by the terms of the loan. Grants submittals in the amount of \$150,000 can still be awarded.

It was felt that the City has a good chance of obtaining a grant from the Division of Aeronautics because of the good reputation of the runway paving project that was just completed. City staff will apply for a grant to fix and update the fuel pumps in the next grant cycle.

7. Papi Lights:

All the lights appear to be working at this time. An independent party is reviewing if there is any LED lighting that meets FAA criteria. High temperature wiring was purchased to help fix the overheating problem. Staff will hold off on this repair until the research on the LED lighting is completed.

8. Airport Manager's Report:

The fuel purchase was completed. Approximately 8000 gallons were purchased. The Airport Manager has the idea of leasing the tie down area on the south side of the Airport near Hector's work shop to Hector. Then he could charge his patrons a tie down fee and the City would make some money with the leasing of the land.

The Airport Manager has a difficult time policing this area due to his limited hours. It was decided that the sum of \$150 per month would be a reasonable amount based on the number of spaces and a fifty percent occupancy rate on the spaces.

9. Other:

The new hire for the Transportation Manager position, Tanya Allen, was introduced to the Commission. She will be starting on June 20th.

Valley View Hospital is now storing their emergency response helicopter at the Airport. The Airport Manager has received one complaint. The flight team for the helicopter was providing a training exercise for a new pilot.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Greg Rippy