



Glenwood Springs City Airport Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15th, 2016
7:30 a.m. – Community Development Conference Room

1. Attendance, Introductions:

Commissioners present: Gregg Rippy, Richard Backe, David Brown, Ginger Golden, Fred Gerbaz

City Staff present: Dick Weinberg, Airport Manager; Tanya Allen, Transportation Manager

Guests: Dave Sheriff

2. Acceptance of August Minutes

The August meeting minutes were accepted without changes or amendments.

3. South Bridge Update

The Transportation Manager said the City Engineer had met with representatives of Holy Cross Energy on 9/23 to discuss gaining approval to cross their property. This conversation was inconclusive, so the City will now have to take its request to the Holy Cross board. The City is waiting for this question to be resolved before finalizing the EA.

4. Airport Maintenance

CDOT has come out to do the PCI and 5010 inspection. In general everything was fine, with the exception of some known issues like bushes and other obstructions near the runway over which the Airport has limited control. CDOT did suggest a regular program of maintenance and upkeep to ensure the runway and approaches remain in good condition.

The Board agreed that there were some pavement issues, most notably was the cracks on the ramp area leading up to the runway and cracks by the hangars to the north. The cracks by the hangars were the responsibility of the hangar owners. Mr. Rippy noted he had put out cold mix material for those owners to use as necessary. Regarding the ramp cracks, several options were discussed, such as adding the Airport to the City's existing crack seal contract and reimbursing for the work out of budgeted maintenance funds. In the past the City has put out a crack sealing contract, but no one present was certain whether the City currently had one in place.

5. Airport Manager's Report

Fuel sales were up last month and appear to be fairly strong this month, though not as strong as in mid-summer. The PAPI lights have also been returned to service. The electricians used the City's high temperature wire and used wire nuts to fix the connection. The expectation is that this will ward off the heat better than the previous method and help mitigate the melting/corrosion problems.

The Airport Manager highlighted several issues involving a specific airport user who has not been paying his month to month tie-down fees in a timely fashion. In addition, this individual's credit card was rejected for fuel payment. The individual has since settled his accounts.

The Airport Manager presented a request from an airport user who wants to bring in a private fuel truck with Jet A fuel for his helicopter. He has requested to place the truck across the taxiway from his hangar in the grassy area. The Airport Manager did not think this was a good location and was concerned that approving this request would set a bad precedent. He requested the Board's input on this request.

Board members discussed the merits of this request, noting that a fuel truck could theoretically be moved from one area to another for fueling purposes. Mr. Brown suggested it was a good storage location since it was out of the way of airport traffic. Others noted that this location would impede grass cutting and snow storage. They also raised general safety and stormwater management concerns related to the suggested placement and discussed whether there could be a larger issue with allowing multiple private fuel trucks to park on the airport property without developing more formal policies or procedures. The Consensus was that if this individual wanted to place his fuel truck on the property it should be placed next to the Valley View truck that is already there.

Mr. Brown noted that this once again raised the question of whether we could provide Jet-A on the airport. The Board discussed various options, such as purchasing a used fuel tank or using an above-ground transient tank such as the one that is being used in Rifle. The Transportation Manager suggested that the Board develop several concrete proposals/scenarios for further discussion and consideration of funding options.

The Airport Manager discussed an incident where a white pickup truck had crossed the runway while a plane was in the process of landing. The Airport Manager has been unable to identify or speak with the individual driving the vehicle. Others noted that cars on the runway are a frequent problem but there was no clear way to address this issue given the need for others to access the Airport.

6. Other Business:

Dave Sheriff from Community on the Move updated the Airport Commission on his group's efforts to renew the 1% A&I tax and gain approval for a bond issue. Projects likely to be supported by the tax include a number of transportation projects and the redevelopment of the "Confluence" area. He highlighted many of the projects that have been funded by the tax in the past and noted the failure to renew the tax would have consequences. Current polling indicates strong support for renewal of the A&I tax. Board members discussed how the bonding ability might be used and whether that might impact public support as well as the general tax climate and other ballot questions.

Board members asked about the status of the conversation with Njord Rota regarding his interest in establishing a helicopter operation at the Airport. The Transportation Manager said Mr. Rota remained interested but was not available to attend the meeting. Mr. Brown and Mr. Backe suggested discussion of possible locations be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.