



Glenwood Springs City Airport Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 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; Jenn Ooton, Assistant to the City Manager

Guests: Amy Helm

2. Acceptance of August Minutes

The September meeting minutes were accepted without changes or amendments.

3. South Bridge Update

The Transportation Manager said the City Engineer met with the Holy Cross Energy Board on 10/19 to discuss gaining approval to cross their property. This issue is still not resolved. However, any adjustments are not expected to alter the preferred alignment through the airport property.

4. Airport Code Update

The Transportation Manager summarized the draft Airport Code update as prepared by the City Attorney's office. Board members briefly reviewed the document to identify some of the major/changes additions in need of more thorough consideration, such as the draft tie-down agreement and suggested changes to aircraft fee structures. Board members agreed that more time was needed to consider the changes and recommendations in detail. They agreed to review the draft for further discussion at the next meeting.

5. Airport Maintenance

The Transportation Manager confirmed it was possible to use the City's existing crack seal contracts to do work at the Airport and reimburse the City from the Airport's maintenance budget. Mr. Rippy noted that the issue with this method was with timing: City crack sealing would not take place until the spring, and there were some issues that needed to be resolved before the winter. Mr. Rippy said he would investigate whether one of his contractors would be able to do the work this season. The Transportation Manager said there were funds remaining in the annual maintenance budget for this work if necessary.

6. Airport Development/Helicopter Operations

Board members agreed that the conversation about Mr. Njord Rota's interest in establishing a helicopter business was deferred until Mr. Rota was able to attend a board meeting. It should also take place in the context of an airport planning effort.

The Transportation Manager said she had begun communicating with DOLA to determine whether they might be able to fund an Airport planning study. They had recently awarded a \$40,000 planning grant to Saguache Airport for an airport-area planning process that appeared to be similar to what the Airport Board had in mind. She planned to follow up with DOLA to get more details.

Mr. Rippy said he had been approached by Gould to see whether the Airport would be interested in a cost-sharing arrangement to bring water to the Airport area. Gould's plans to work with the City to upgrade the line from Park East would bring water lines closer to the Airport than they had been previously. Depending on the nature of Gould's agreement with the City, the Airport could tap into these lines for a fee. The size of this fee was unclear. Mr. Rippy emphasized that the location of that line could influence future Airport development decisions. A planning process was still desirable as there was a need to define and codify what the Airport is and what the enterprise is and what it is within their power to do. Gould was also planning improvements to the road in the Airport area as a component of its development.

7. Airport Manager's Report

A payment issue with an individual who used a bad credit card for an Airport fuel purchase remained ongoing. At this point the City has received payment from the customer; however, the customer continues to believe he has been double charged. The Board agreed that unless the City's Finance Department received notice of payment from the credit card company, which they had not received to date, no funds should be returned to the customer.

The Airport Manager planned to buy fuel in approximately 3 weeks. The current pump price was \$4.14. It was likely to go up to approximately \$4.30.

The Airport Manager said he was not convinced that installing any sort of Jet Fuel at the Airport was in the interest of the Airport. The volume and consistency of helicopter operations at the Airport did not seem to warrant this investment.

The Airport Manager mentioned a recent article in AOPA Pilot magazine regarding restrictions on hangar usage at FAA-funded airports. He offered to circulate the article and suggested it could serve as a resource as the board considered updating its own policies.

8. Other Business:

The board discussed a recent story about noise complaints at DIA. A limited number of people were responsible for a large portion of the complaints.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.