



Glenwood Springs City Airport Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 21, 2019
7:30 a.m. – Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport Office

1. Attendance:

Commissioners present: Gregg Rippy, Rich Backe, David Brown, Dave Merritt, Fred Gerbaz
City Staff present: Amy Helm, Airport Manager; Tanya Allen, Transportation Manager

2. Acceptance of January Minutes

The Board approved the January minutes without changes or additions.

3. Update on Airport Area Planning Study

The Transportation Manager said the steering group met to review drafts of Chapters 2 and 3 of the report, which included a review of existing conditions and land use market reconnaissance. Mr. Rippy recapped the steering group meeting and briefly discussed the three draft scenarios the consultants had presented at the meeting: 1) enhanced aviation, 2) 50/50 (residential/commercial light industrial, with helipad, and 3) residential/open space. These were expected to be the scenarios presented for discussion at the upcoming public meeting on March 6. In addition, some schematic drawings of these land use concepts would be presented. The more expensive cost/benefit analysis would take place after the March meeting. Their first presentation to Council would take place after the new Council was seated in April. The project was still aiming for an August/September completion date.

4. Upcoming Events

The Open House for Classic Air Medical was scheduled for Monday, February 25. They were planning to land the helicopter at the school, weather permitting. The regional PR person would present a slide show/Q&A. The flight crew would be on hand as well assuming they were not called out for an emergency. The Airport Manager encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Mr. Merritt said approximately 15 Boy Scouts planned to come to the Airport to work on their aviation merit badge on February 26. A group of pilots was planning to assist with showing them the Airport operations and teaching them how to do walk around inspections.

Rifle Airport Manager Brian Condie was planning to present the Rifle Airport's analysis of impacts of a possible closure of the Glenwood Springs Airport at a Board of County Commissioners work session on March 12. All were encouraged to attend.

Other upcoming events include the CPA Fly-In (June 8-9) and Cessna Convention Pancake Breakfast (June 26). The Airport Manager said she was exploring group transportation options for the event.

5. Fuel Updates

2000 gallons of Jet-A had recently been delivered. Classic was now purchasing from the Airport. \$2.88/gallon. Price remained at \$4.98. 100LL purchase was likely in the next couple of weeks.

6. Airport Complaint

The Airport Manager shared a complaint letter from a nearby resident regarding the flight pattern on approach to the Glenwood Airport. She said she had discussed the complained with local flight instructor/FAA examiner Jay Kronk to see what, if anything, might be adjusted. They had concluded that altering the existing approach would create additional risks. She asked for guidance on how to respond. Board members discussed the possibility of inviting the resident, who was a pilot, to the Airport to discuss the issue. The Transportation Manager said she would ask the City's legal team for advice in advance of any response to the complaint. The Airport Manager suggested it might be a good idea to have a pilot's night to review current recommended flight patterns.

7. Tom Speirs Flying Club Request

The Transportation Manager reviewed Tom Speirs' request to start a flying club for gyros, trikes, and 3-axis machines. She noted that nothing in the existing Airport use restrictions appeared to restrict the use of such aircraft. While she was interested in seeing more activity at the Airport, she had some safety concerns regarding the compatibility of this activity with existing Airport uses. All agreed that they were interested in supporting this activity if proper safety precautions could be put in place. The Transportation Manager suggested finding some examples of rules/regulations in place for these types of craft at other Airports.

8. Webcam

The Airport Manager said footage from the webcam was not currently archived. However, for \$360 the company operating the webcam could provide a recorder to archive video footage. All agreed that this could be useful for both flight counts and security purposes. Mr. Backe moved that Board approve the purchase. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Plowing Issues

The Airport Manager requested the Board consider some alternate possibilities for snow removal. While it was an official component of her job duties, the need to snow plow was unpredictable and it was difficult to arrange child care on extremely short notice. The Transportation Manager said that this could be added to the list of duties for an on-call backup Airport Manager. She said she would work with the Airport Manager and HR to create this sort of a position. Mr. Rippy asked whether he could obtain a no-cost contractor authorization to assist specifically with snowplowing.

10. Other Business

The Airport Manager suggested the \$500 gift card previously authorized for Rick Holub, who passed away unexpectedly, be re-allocated towards a memorial bench. The Board moved to approve this reallocation.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.