

Airport Advisory Board Workshop
Fremont County Airport
January 9, 2012
8:00am

Members Present: John Marietta, Chairman; Leonard Mino; Greg Tabuteau; Tom Schilf; Jim Woolworth

Members Absent: Dean Baird; Jay Seavy

Other Officials Present: Airport Manager Richard Baker; Former Chairman Walt Giffen

The meeting was called to order at 0800 by Chairman John Marietta.

Chairman Marietta welcomed new board member Thomas (Tom) Schilf.

Airport Board Committees

- Chairman Marietta reviewed the responsibilities of the four airport board standing committees as outlined in the Fremont County Airport Advisory Board Operating Procedures. Volunteers were accepted for chairmanship and membership in these committees. Assignments were made as follows:
 - Safety and Security Committee – Jim Woolworth, Chairman; Dean Baird, member
 - Airport Development Committee – Len Mino, Chairman; Greg Tabuteau, member
 - Finance Committee – Tom Schilf, Chairman
 - Operating Procedures Committee – Len Mino, Chairman; all board members participate

Fremont County Airport Rules and Regulations

- Chairman Marietta gave background on the need to establish Airport Rules and Regulations.
- FAA Airport Compliance Manual 5190.6B, requires local rules and regulations be adopted to ensure safety and efficiency of aircraft operations and to protect the public using the airport.
- Local rules are required, as part of Federal Grant Assurances, for all FAA Grant Airports who have received federal grants within the past 20 years.
- There are no previously approved Rules and Regulations for the airport. County records indicate a 1999 draft of Rules and Regulations was discussed but was never approved.
- Comments to the County Commissioners on the 2011 draft of Rules and Regulations have been reviewed and are being considered in revisions being made to the draft.
- Discussion ensued on several areas of the 2011 Draft that should be changed. Recognition given, as well, to those rules that address valid safety concerns and should remain in the draft.
- Board members will be sent an electronic copy of the 2011 Draft Rules and Regulations and requested to provide changes to Jim Woolworth for consolidation into a revised draft.
- A public hearing will be scheduled for Monday, February 20 at 8:00am to review the revised draft for public input. Tentative goal of presenting a recommendation to the County Commissioners in the March Airport Advisory Board Meeting..

March Airport Advisory Board Meeting Reschedule

- Chairman Marietta advised that schedule conflicts would result in the Chairman being unavailable on March 7th for the next quarterly Airport Advisory Board Meeting. Board members proposed moving the meeting.
 - Len Mino made a motion to move the next quarterly meeting from March 7, 2012 back one week to March 14, 2012.
 - Tom Shiel seconded the motion.
 - All members voted in favor. None opposed.

Other Discussion

- Last FAA compliance inspection requires corrective action (get rid of the junk) for the airport to remain in compliance with grant assurances. Notices were sent out to affected tenants. Discussion followed on progress of clean-up.
- In 2008 the fenced Airport property was rezoned to an Airport Zone, restricting uses for non-aviation purposes.
- The approved Minimum Standards (1999) should be reviewed for currency. All agreed to focus on getting Rules and Regulations adopted first and then review 1999 Minimum Standards for any updates necessary.
- Greg Tabeteau said last week's County meeting with Senator Mark Udall on airport development plans was interesting and informative. Plans for a longer runway were discussed and the need for a large jet-capable hanger was brought up. Both projects would require federal and/or state funding.
- The "Christo project", and the expected business it would bring, could justify the jet hanger. That project has a lot of visibility with Gov. Hickenlooper and he would likely support such a project.
- On-field restaurant services were also mentioned as a possible feature that could be included in a new hanger.
- Airport Manager Richard Baker indicated that a large hanger project would probably be pursued as a multiple-use facility, able to house not only large jet aircraft, but manufacturers' test helicopters, new office space, terminal complex, restaurant, etc.
- If state funded, the airport would have to come up with approximately 2.5% of the total cost.
- Chairman Marietta suggested that this multiple-use facility be further pursued thru the Airport Development Committee.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairmen Marietta adjourned the meeting at 9:10am.

Minutes submitted by: Jim Woolworth