

**Airport Advisory Board Workshop**  
**Fremont County Airport**  
**May 16, 2012**  
**8:00am**

Members Present: John Marietta, Chairman; Leonard Mino; Greg Tabuteau; Jay Seavy

Members Absent: Dean Baird; Tom Schilf; Jim Woolworth

Other officials Present: Airport Manager Richard Baker

The purpose of this meeting was to continue planning for a September airport open house to commemorate the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fremont County Airport

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

Open House:

- Chairman Marietta stated that a previously planned spot landing competition and flour bag drop competition at the open house would be abandoned due to the cost of insurance coverage for these events (\$2000.00).
- Dick Baker has obtained verbal commitments from several warbird owners to fly their aircraft in for the event.
- Eurocopter will be here then and it may be possible to have that aircraft placed on display.
- City Service Valcon (CSV) has committed to donate 500 gal of fuel for display aircraft that fly in for the open house.
- The Car Club has given verbal commitment to place up to 40 cars on display.
- DOSS Aviation has committed to make a presentation and place one of their training aircraft on display.
- The tower chief from Pueblo will attend and do a tower brief . Both the tower briefings and the DOSS presentation will be conducted in the modular trailers.
- EAA Chapter will put on a pancake breakfast.
- Complimentary food will be provided for aircrew.
- Snow fence will be set up for crowd control and to separate visitors from aircraft movement areas.
- The biggest concern will be getting capable and experienced volunteers for aircraft marshalling, directing display set-ups, crowd control, clean-up, etc. Twelve or thirteen will be required. Possible sources are the EAA chapter, Airport Staff, Explorers, Hanger Owners and Tenents.
- Further planning for the event rests on waiting until the date gets closer and these tentative plans and participants can be confirmed.

Airport Advisory Board Meeting:

The meeting then turned to planning agenda items for the Airport Advisory Board Meeting on June 6.

- Backlash is expected at the meeting from airport tenants on the recently adopted “Airport Rules and Regulations”. Concerns have been expressed over the paragraph that talks about sub-lease of hangers – language that was added after the last public hearing by the county attorney.
- Agenda items for the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - Helicopter test program

- This topic was reviewed with the Commissioners at the Economic Development Meeting. The Commissioners asked how they could contribute. They were advised that high speed internet is needed at the airport to support Helicopter test operations. Other test sites used by the helicopters have high speed internet, Fremont County does not.
- New Terminal Building Project
- Open House

New Terminal Building Project:

Greg Tabuteau gave an update on plans to establish a new terminal building project:

- State Aeronautics Board money is available to support projects such as this.
- The planned terminal/hanger would be 14,000 sq. ft. (140 ft wide x 100 ft deep) with a 30- 35 ft high x 60 ft wide door.
- This terminal/hanger could easily supply overnight storage for several jets and helicopters. Typical rates for such storage are \$700 - \$800/night per aircraft.
- The cost of the planned terminal building is estimated at \$1.5 million. A State grant would cover 80% (\$1.2 million) and a local match of 20% (\$300,000) would be required.
- A letter has been written Gov. Hickenlooper, explaining the importance of the project to supporting operations associated with the Cristo project . The letter requests the Govenors' expressed support for the grant.
- Armstrong consultants have been requested to add this terminal building into the airport plan but they have been slow to respond.
- Installation of a parallel taxiway for runway 29/11 is scheduled for 2013. This federally funded project is estimated to cost \$3.3 million for which the county must provide \$166,000 in matching funds. The county has \$177,000 in carry-over funds from last year's budget but it's unclear whether they can spend all or any part of this surplus on the parallel taxiway project. Armstrong Consultants believe the taxiway can be installed for \$1.7 - \$1.9 million .....far less than the federal estimate.
- 2014 would be an ideal time to plan this new terminal project. It could then support the Cristo project but finding the additional local funding of the \$300,000 would be very much in question.
- Board members discussed possible money saving ideas like having the building manufacturer do the engineering, not Armstrong. If matching funds can not be produced by the County, it may be possible to apply for a loan from SIB (Colorado State Infrastructure Bank) at 3% interest for the project matching funds.
- Board members agreed that we should place an application with the State Aeronautics Board for a grant to complete the terminal and sort out how to come up with the matching funds later. An application will be submitted by airport personnel in June. The Aeronautics Board holds it's next meeting at Fremont County Airport on August 3rd . The application can be then discussed at that meeting. Fremont County presenters can then detail the projected impact on airport business as a result of this new terminal/hanger building.
- A meeting is scheduled with the County Commissioners on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the parallel taxiway project. Board members agreed to take that opportunity to present the 2014 terminal building project to the commissioners for their consideration. A summary of the revenue potential of the new building will be presented.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairmen Marietta adjourned the meeting at 8:52am.

Minutes submitted by: Jim Woolworth