

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Fremont County Airport
June 3, 2015
7:00 am

Members Present: John Marietta, Chairman; Leonard Mino; Jack Slagle; Duane Cozadd; Greg Tabuteau; Tom Schielf; Jim Woolworth

Other Officials Present: County Commissioner, Tim Payne; Airport Manager, Richard Baker; Assistant Airport Manager, Wesley Brandt

Others Present: Jay Seavy; Gail Claremont; John Emmerling; Skip Moreau ; Matt Clark; Hans Miesler

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairman John Marietta. Everyone was welcomed.

Commissioners' Report by Tim Payne

- The Commissioners met with the Advisory Board to discuss establishing specific skydiving landing zones thru lease. The Commissioners asked the Airport Manager and the Advisory Board to recommend the location of each companies' landing zone, the amount of area leased, the lease fee and other lease terms. Richard Baker stated that a pro-forma for leasing these landing zones had already been established with "Skydive Colorado". Commissioner Payne stated they hope to have the other landing zone leases in place by years' end.

Airport Manager's Report by Richard Baker

- Richard Baker is continuing to support the Airport Sustainability Project in Denver which, he reported, is making progress.
- Hangar changes:
 - Nick Bellino dissolved his company, "CTC Trucking" and requested the airport to change the name on the hangar he was occupying.
 - "Steel City Aviation" has made application to start commercial operations, flight training in the "172", at Fremont County. They have the required insurance and all paperwork is in place. Chairman Marietta stated that, per standard operating procedure for commercial operations, Advisory Board approval of the request is not required and the request can be passed on directly to the Commissioners for their consideration and approval.
- Richard Baker and Jim Woolworth visited the 4th Aviation Battalion at Ft. Carson and met with CW5 Moseley, Command Chief Warrant Officer. The purpose of their visit was to start paperwork requesting a helicopter for display at our September airshow. Chief Moseley conducted a tour of Butts Airfield which is under new construction. We were introduced to the Commander and his staff. All seemed very receptive to our request. They value Fremont County Airport as an operating area and they expressed an interest in improving community relations here. They said they would like to schedule a safety meeting with airport personnel and tenants to discuss their operations at the field. Chairman Marietta observed that interactions with Army crews operating at the airfield have been courteous and respectful but acknowledged that their operations here do create a hazard due to their strong rotorwash. Hans Miesler stated that Army night operations in the vicinity of Penrose create a disturbance and were a concern. The Army stated they are seeking to establish a corridor which will avoid civil disturbance.

By Motion and Unanimous Consent the Advisory Board voted to coordinate and schedule a safety meeting with Army officials from the 4th Aviation Battalion. Jim Woolworth will coordinate, the meeting which will be set at Fremont County Airport with local flyers and residents invited.

- A new freight hauler, "Bimidji Aviation" out of Minnesota, has started daily stops at Fremont County for servicing.
- The next project at the airport will be a wildlife fencing project for the south perimeter of the airport in 2016. Richard Baker will get with the finance department to advise what our share of the project cost will be.

- Bell Helicopter of Canada will be here in July to conduct a full test program on their new helicopter. They will be accompanied by the FAA and Transportation Canada. 16 people will be here for approximately 3 weeks. Their flight operations are expected to be early in the morning and late in the evening.

Standing Committee Reports

Safety Report by Duane Cozadd

- Duane stated that the annual safety inspection of the airport will be conducted soon. He requested that anyone with open safety concerns advise him prior to the inspection.

Security Report by Jim Woolworth

- Revision 1 of the Airport Security Plan is scheduled for review and approval at the June 9th Commissioners' meeting.

Development Report by Greg Tabuteau

- No report however Greg noted that discussions with Bell Helicopter revealed that they would like to bring a larger helicopter with them during their test programs but the County Hangars are not tall enough to house it.

Finance Report by Tom Schielf

- No report however Tom questioned the financial impact of "Out of the Blue" departing the airport. Chairman Marietta stated that, although their departure is apparent, they have not officially notified the Airport of same. Their departure represents \$90,000 annually in lost Jet A sales (1/3 of the annual Jet A sales budget).

Operating Procedures

- No report.

New Business

- Steel City has been discussed above.
- Chairman Marietta noted that a skydive safety meeting was held since the last quarterly meeting with the commissioners. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss resolution of ongoing disputes between skydive operators at the field and also to review a request by "Out of the Blue" to lease the center landing zone. The results of that safety meeting were then discussed in a meeting between the County Commissioners and the Airport Advisory Board. The Board was asked to make a recommendation on lease of parachute landing zones to commercial operators. The Board recommended that these landing areas no longer be publicly supported by the county but they be leased to the commercial skydive operators. Further, the Board recommended that all skydiving commercial operators be required to carry liability insurance (available thru USPA membership or equivalent). Meeting attendees opposed to these recommendations were encouraged to attend future commissioner's meetings where the matter will be publicly decided.

Old Business

Airshow

- Sponsors for the September Airshow have donated \$9850 cash to date. An additional \$4900 non-cash services and merchandise have been donated.
- Performers planned for the show are Don Nelson Sukhoi Aerobatics, The Renegades RV Formation, Steve Bergevin G-202 Aerobatics, Hans Meisler Pitts Aerobatic demonstration, The "Alabama Boys" comedy routine and finally Henry Lanier's 2000 HP dragster in a Drag Race with Don Nelson's Sukhoi-26.
- All performers but the "Alabama Boys" are presently funded. They are a nationally known team flying a comedy routine which ends with their airplane landing on a moving truck. It will cost \$8000 plus local expenses to bring them here. Richard Baker proposed that some of the profit from Bell Helicopter test program could be used to fund the "Alabama Boys" show if the commissioners approved. If funds cannot be raised, they will be dropped from the program.

- Planning is proceeding with the Florence City Council to coordinate events of the Florence “Pioneer Days” with the Airshow. “Raft Masters” has agreed to supply shuttle service between the Airport and Florence during the day. The Airport will support a flyover for the start of the Florence parade at 10:00 am. An entry in the parade will promote the Airshow. Open House/Airshow events are being planned to mesh with Pioneer Days events.
- Rudyl Mergelman, of Florence, has been contacted about providing artwork for a poster to promote the the airshow. These posters will be used to advertise the show and will be made available for sale at the show.
- Admission to the airshow is free. We will again take donations at the gate. We also plan to raise money thru sale of all beverages (pop and water), merchandise with our airshow logo, airshow posters and a raffle.
- A 7:00am fly-in pancake breakfast will be supplied at the field by the Penrose Volunteer Fire Dept.
- A “VIP” area will be set up this year. The area will provide shade and free refreshments to “gold level” sponsors and performers. It will be an area to “meet the performers”.
- Canon City Fire Chief Delvecchio has confirmed Fire Dept availability to cover the show.
- Gail Claremont has developed a facebook page for the Airport. Facebook is a very effective tool for getting the word out on airport news and specifically the Airshow. Gail has agreed to be the administrator for the Airport Facebook site. Gail has also volunteered to donate the first \$250 towards posting a Facebook “Boost” to promote the airshow.
- The next Airshow planning meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 6/11/15 at 7:00am. The meeting will focus on time show sequence and selecting task segment leaders for planning and preparing for the event.

New Signage

- Skip Moreau asked when the status of setting commercial signage on leased land separate from commercial operators buildings would be decided. Chairman Marietta stated that the issue had stalled due to lack of area surveys. A proposal was made to allow Skydive operators to select the area for their signage among those previously defined as acceptable and add it to their lease. Richard Baker will review the subject with the county lawyer and approve the sign locations.

There being no further items for discussion Chairman Marietta adjourned the meeting at 8:03 am.

Minutes submitted by Jim Woolworth