

**City of Glenwood Springs  
Airport Commission Minutes**

February 18, 2021; 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom

**Call to Order at 7:31am**

**1. Roll Call**

- a. **Commissioners:** Gregg Rippy, Richard Backe, David Merritt, Alan Arnold, Joel Shute, David Brown
- b. **City Council:** Jonathan Godes
- c. **Staff:** Terri Partch, Steve Boyd, Cristi Newton, Brian Smith, Karstin Moser
- d. **Guests:** Angela Reid, Charles Knuth, Eric Strautman, Joe Mueller, Sean Thomas, Stephanie Stanfield, Steven Carver, Steve Shute

**2. Approval of January 2021 and February 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes**

- a. David Merritt moves to approve, Joel Shute seconds. All in favor, so moved.

**3. Welcome New Member – Joel Shute**

**4. Election of commission chair**

- a. Richard Backe nominates David Merritt as Chair, Alan Arnold seconds. All in favor, so moved.
- b. Richard Backe nominates Alan Arnold as Vice Chair, Joel Shute seconds. All in favor, so moved.

**5. Rocky Mountain Skydive Operations Inquiry – Tom Morrow**

- a. Presenter not present.

**6. South Bridge Discussion**

- a. Gregg Rippy held meeting with various airport users on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to gather feedback on the options presented to shorten the runway. Most felt Option 2 of Terri Partch's presentation was the better of the two, but they had concerns about accommodating the maintenance hangar and do not want the tunnel option taken off the table.
- b. Steve Shute shared exhibit depicting the bridge being moved southwest/south 80 feet to maintain runway length.
  - i. Terri Partch reiterated that design is at about 60% and the bridge placement was based on property lines. Additionally, realignment design costs would likely outweigh any construction savings.
  - ii. Terri Partch will ask Jacobs Engineering to review Steve's exhibit.
- c. David Merritt expressed concern about helicopter staging on south end if runway was shortened.
- d. Airspace analysis and surveying still to take place that could influence designs.
- e. Gregg Rippy makes a motion that the Airport Commission will attend the February 25<sup>th</sup> Special City Council meeting and continue to work with the City Council in a cooperative manner to make South Bridge happen and allow the Airport to still exist. Seconded by Alan Arnold. All in favor, motion passes.
- f. Terri Partch to send 2/25/21 Council meeting information to Commission.

**7. Airport Manager Position – Brian Smith**

- a. Proposed job description for part-time Airport Manager will be resent to the Commission for review.
- b. Position will be housed under the Facilities section of Parks & Recreation.
- c. Updates on work being scheduled for the Airport:
  - i. New fuel pedestal has arrived. Prior to installation wiring and conduit at site will need to be updated, surveying for property lines needs to be completed, new

ground needs to be installed, need to replace containment sump. Work being considered in April for everything but grounding rod which will happen immediately.

**8. March Agenda Items**

- a. Talking Points for Joint Work Session with Council on April 15<sup>th</sup>
- b. Financial Update of Airport
- c. South Bridge Update

**9. Adjourn at 9:02am.**

**10. Application Interviews – Stephanie Stanfield, Joe Mueller, Sean Thomas**

- a. Airport Commission currently has one regular seat open.
- b. Jonathan Godes to propose to Council that the Airport Commission be allowed to have alternates.
- c. Applicant Joe Mueller lives outside of city limits but within the 81601. When Jonathan Godes approaches council about alternates, he will seek clarification if an alternate can be outside of city limits if that capacity is already filled by a regular seat.