

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD
Tuesday, May 31, 2005 - 5:00 PM
CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Third Floor East**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Uhre, President; Jerry Brown, Secretary; Bert Corwin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Mitchell Jerry Shoener, Vice President;

OTHERS PRESENT: Mason Short, Airport Executive Director; Ken Simmons, Airport Operations Officer; Mayor Shaw, Alan Hanks, Alice McCoy, Chris & Debra Peters, Jeff Haverly, Gordon Howie, Mike Buckingham and Wanda Peacock, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A Public Information meeting was held regarding the proposed development of an Airport Authority for Rapid City Regional Airport. A slide presentation on Airport Authority was presented by Mason Short, Airport Executive Director. Mason Short explained that the proposal has not been presented to the City Council because action cannot be taken until after July 1, 2005. Airport Board members were present to answer questions.

The Airport Board passed a Resolution to create an Airport Authority on March 14, 2005 encouraging the Council to establish an Airport Authority. The Airport Board is responsible for day to day operations of the airport. Airport management and the Board have conducted a lot of research on Airport Authority over the past year.

Those in attendance were provided with a handout of the codified law and Mason Short gave an explanation of the law.

Gordon Howie and Jeff Haverly had questions and concerns involving eminent domain, taxing authority and airport zoning. If the working relationship between the City and Airport are as good as explained in the concept they don't see the need to separate. Jeff Haverly is not convinced the system will be any more efficient. He doesn't feel Airport Authority will change anything, additionally did not see anything in the presentation to convince a need for Airport Authority or to fix the inefficiencies within the City to make the operation more efficient.

Benefits of assuming liability both fiscally and operationally were seen as benefit but questioned the ability to transfer that liability

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Brown
Secretary

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