

**GRAND COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**Moab Valley Fire Department
45 South 100 East
Hybrid virtual participation on Zoom
Moab, Utah**

**MINUTES
September 8, 2025**

The Grand County Airport Board met in a regular meeting on September 8, 2025. The meeting was held in-person at the Moab Valley Fire Department, with hybrid virtual participation available via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Bill Hawley, Jason Taylor, Howard Trenholm, Rachel Paxman
Board members Lori Maughn and Ted Curtis participated via Zoom.
Board members Chair Jody Patterson Bill Winfield & Randy Martin were absent.
Present on Zoom: Thorsen Milton & Eric Rivera with Lochner
Staff present was: Andrea Erwin and Steve Gleason
Others Present: Dan Wheeler, Alan Rydman and Mary Rydman

Call to Order: Bill Hawley called to the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Citizens to be Heard –

1. Alan Rydman provided an update on his planned construction at hangar site 16. The building is scheduled for delivery a week from Wednesday, with the hangar door to follow the next month. He expressed concern about how ongoing airport construction, particularly Taxilane F, might affect his project and requested clarity on what to expect as his work begins. Steve emphasized the need for coordination between Alan's contractor and the airport's contractor to establish an appropriate laydown space. Discussion included the possibility of relocating contractor trailers to provide additional room for Alan's project, as well as clarifying responsibility for site excavation.
2. Keith McBeth expressed frustration with the ongoing construction process, stating that he feels uninformed despite being the most directly impacted. He noted that the uncertainty has been costly in terms of keeping his aircraft operational and shutting down when needed. He reiterated his request that Judd keep him better informed. Steve apologized, acknowledging the communication shortcomings, and explained that an employee has been working nearly full time to maintain a landing zone suitable for Keith. However, due to shifting schedules and unknown start dates, the airport team has been unable to provide firm timelines. Keith also voiced concerns that the engineer should have done a better job communicating about dirt removal near his original landing zone. Thorsen clarified that soil cores were being pulled only once construction had already started, as pre-construction sampling was not possible. Keith emphasized that he has refrained from using his landing area under the belief it was unavailable, even though no work has yet been done there. Steve responded that once construction is underway, the entire site is considered active, regardless of which section is being worked on. Bill H. asked whether alternative soil treatments, such as using mill material, had been explored to improve the temporary landing area. Keith acknowledged that his current landing zone is functional but requested that water be applied to reduce dust for his customers. Bill H. also inquired

about Keith's plans to construct a new hangar and what support he required from the airport to move forward. Keith noted he is waiting on Ben Byrd to begin and asked whether a land survey had been completed to establish GPS coordinates for the new hangars. It was determined that this information should be obtained from Lochner.

General Business

1. **Minutes August 11, 2025** – Motion to approve the minutes of 8.11.2025 by Howard Trenholme. Second by Rachel Paxman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2. **Approve FBO Board Seat Placement** - Motion to appoint Dan Wheeler as the FBO seat by Howard Trenholme. Second by Rachel Paxman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion Items

3. Project Reports

- a. **Taxilanes E, G & J** – Thorsen reported that mobilization began on August 25, with storm drain work and compaction underway on Taxilanes E, G, and J, and soil tests showing positive results. Submittals for additional items related to Taxilane F are in progress. Discussion followed regarding coordination with hangar occupants, specifically access for Alan's hangar construction and three tee hangar tenants who still need to relocate their planes or begin building; to accommodate these needs, construction on Taxilane F may be delayed for several weeks, and all affected tenants will be notified by email. Bill raised concerns about Skydive's alternate landing zone, noting the company's dissatisfaction, and the airport is working to provide a more suitable area. He also inquired whether work on Taxilane E would impact existing pavement, and it was confirmed there will be no effects.
- b. **Taxilane F** – Additional discussion on Taxilane F emphasized the need for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County Attorney, which will be published once finalized, and an action item was established to place the MOU on the agenda for the next meeting.
- c. **Contour Marketing & Marketing Grant** – Howard Trenholme reports that Media has taken over the Contour ad, though details regarding the billboard remain unclear. Questions were raised about the timing and process for the county to receive the \$25,000 from Contour. It was agreed to place terminal advertising back on the agenda for next month, with Keith expressing interest in advertising in the terminal and requesting information on pricing, options, and related details.

Reports

4. **County Commission** – Bill Winfield was absent, no report.
5. **City of Moab** – Jason reported that the sidewalk repair project was recently put out for bid and, unlike the previous attempt, bids were received this time. He also referenced community discussions on Facebook regarding surplus funds, clarifying that \$350,000 had been earmarked for sidewalks but the work was not completed previously due to the lack of bids. In addition, he noted that the city is moving forward with replacing halogen streetlight bulbs with brighter, night-sky-friendly LED bulbs.

6. **Travel Council** – Howard Trenholme reported that marketing funds will be available through upcoming advertising grants, with bids expected to open later this year. The grant window will cover January 2026 through June 2027 and is intended for general events, not special events, with an expectation of matching funds up to a certain level. He expressed interest in seeing more events but noted that current requirements may be discouraging participation. Additionally, it was acknowledged that this year's airport events have been affected by the new taxilane construction.
7. **Director's Report** – Steve reported that activity around the new taxilanes has been continuous, noting that construction is progressing and expected to accelerate following funding approval for Taxilane F from the County Commission. He also shared that there was a recent hard landing involving a skydiver who was transported to the hospital, and ARFF successfully completed its annual live fire training. In addition, an interagency training meeting was held with GCSO, MCP, Highway Patrol, Contour, Redtail, TSA, and ARFF to review response scenarios for emergencies such as bomb threats or active shooters; it was noted that Skydive should be included in future sessions. Steve expressed appreciation for Contour's input during the meeting and confirmed that a phone log checklist will be distributed to all airport staff handling calls. Social media platforms have been created for the airport, and Steve encouraged sharing photos or announcements with Jessiqua for posting. Finally, he is working on the development of a timeline graph showing enplanement data in relation to county tax revenue to better illustrate the airport's economic impact on the Moab community.
8. **Miscellaneous** – None.

Future Considerations

Closed Session(s) (If Necessary)

Adjourn – Bill Hawley adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm.

ATTEST:

Jody Patterson Chair, Grand County Airport Board

Steve Gleason, Airport Director