SPECIAL Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes – August 17, 2017
Greeley Country Club, 1:30 p.m.

Aims District Board/Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority Joint Meeting

I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Board Chair Carol Ruckel. Other
      Aims Board members present were Trustee Lyle Achziger, Trustee Ray Peterson,
      and Trustee Larry Wood. College CEO/President Dr. Leah L. Bornstein and
      Executive Assistant Ann Grotness attended. Trustee Mark Hout was excused.
   b. Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority members present were Ronald Bland, Sandi
      Elder, Michael Finn, Mike Freeman, Cruz Moncivas, and Steve Moreno. Gary Cyr,
      Airport Manager, and airport operations employees also attended.

II. Aims Aviation Program
   a. Dr. Bornstein explained the purpose of the joint meeting including where the
      aviation program is now, and how to expand the program, particularly to the
      location at the Greeley-Weld County Airport.
      o Aims College aviation staff provided needs of the program at minimal,
        viable and signature levels.
   b. Ronald Bland, who is also on the Aims Aviation Advisory Board, shared student
      concerns of the time and expense to get a pilot’s license. He hopes that the Aims
      program can provide quality instruction while reducing the time and expense.
   c. The Airport Authority shared their desire for the Aims program to remain at their
      airport and their willingness to work toward that end.
   d. Discussion ensued about the current needs of the program and how these needs
      can be met by the Greeley-Weld County Airport.
      o Points that need to be addressed:
         ▪ 24-hour airport rescue and firefighting - Mr. Cyr explained that it
           is already in place.
         ▪ Connectivity
            a. Trustee Ruckel explained that high-speed internet and good
               cell phone coverage would be needed for Aims to combine
               and move all aviation classrooms to Airport.
               i. Century Link has limitations in the area for high-speed internet.
               ii. Companies were identified that have “dark fibers”
                   installed in the area that could be used.
               iii. Mr. Cyr shared that he will follow-up to resolve this
                    issue. Dr. Bornstein will follow-up with Aims
                    aviation personnel as well.
• New facility – options for location
  a. Mr. Cyr explained three considerations:
     i. Roadway to facility
        1. City and county are looking at upgrades to roadways. Accessibility is good.
     ii. Analysis for taxi ways
     iii. Need of approximately 2 ½ acres for facilities
  b. Airport revenue is needed for this development. FAA and State funds are not available for this.
  c. Current infrastructure of city water/sewer, gas, and electric was discussed.
• Tower – what is timeline for making a decision?
  a. Needed for air traffic control program.
  b. Mr. Cyr reported that the airport has been working on a remote tower and is continuing with those plans.
• Signage
  a. Dr. Bornstein shared her concern about road signage and the difficulty in finding the Airport.
     i. Cruz Moncivas explained that we are in a good position to work together to take this issue to the State, City and County.
     ii. The Airport has and will continue to work on better signage.
• Space
  a. Trustee Wood asked if the Airport has enough space to take on the expansion. Mr. Cyr said that space is not a concern.
  e. Participant Comments:
     o Trustee Achziger expressed his encouragement of this partnership to enhance the region, businesses, tourism, and residents.
     o Trustee Wood explained that he wanted to dispel the rumors that Aims plans to build at another airport.
     o Sandi Elder shared her excitement and support of the partnership.
     o Mike Freemen shared that this plan just makes sense for the community.
  f. Next Steps:
     o Aims BOT will have a conversation on how to proceed and will give Dr. Bornstein direction. They will then follow-up with the Greeley-Weld County Airport.

III. Adjourn

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:24 P.M.