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A regular meeting of the Alamosa County Airport Advisory Board was held in person and virtually on July 13th, 2023, at 8:15am.

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Members Present

- Andrew Hartman
- Donna Wehe
- Carl Denslow

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Others Present:

- Will Hickman
- Keeli Larsen
- Tara Maugham
- Erin Minks
- Adam Lopez
- Jon Weeks
- Casey Pamperien
- Vern Heersink
- John Waters
- Kale Mortensen

**Call to order at 8:15**

Roll Call-Randy Wright was not present

**Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**

Additions to the agenda that in the Public Notice it was added that one or more of the Alamosa County Commissioners will be in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Carl Denslow made a motion to approve the July 13th, 2023 agenda and Andrew Hartman second. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the May 11th, 2022 minutes by Carl Denslow, Andrew Hartman second. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Erin Minks with Senator Bennet's office. She wanted to be present to keep in contact with the airport board and airport staff. Wanted to hear about the Airport's fine. Would like to have a separate meeting on the hangar funding strategy. She stated that she would be in contact with Roni Wisdom, Will Hickman, and the County Commissioners on a possible visit from Senator Bennet. Donna Wehe thanked Erin for being there and helping with funding.



Antonio Huerta from U.S Senator Hickenlooper's office introduced himself and stated that he was going to all regional airports and checking up on all of them. Donna Wehe thanked him for coming.

### **Thank You of Kent Buchanan for his Time- Will Hickman**

Donna Wehe wanted to publicly thank Kent Buchanan for his time on the board.

Will Hickman also wanted to thank Kent for his time on the board.

There will now be an opening on the board and there was some discussion on getting the word out about the opening.

### **Airport Manager -Will Hickman**

Will Hickman stated that there are some good projects going on the field right now. One is to continue to work on the millings project to reinforce our pavement edges and places to be in compliant with the FAA. They are getting rid of all the weeds and improving the areas around to comply.

Snow removal/ SRE building update is that they are drafting a letter in response to Aviation to have a letter of recommendation to go with Alcon Construction. The financial part is still being worked out but all is rolling and continuing on.

May Enplanements- 1143

June Enplanements-1143

Will stated that he and Keeli Larsen are still working on getting the 2022 enplanements because as of now we are short the 10,000 enplanements. Just short by around 70 enplanements.

The airport is planning a Fly-in September 3<sup>rd</sup> which is not final yet but are committed to do it and is going to be doing it with the SLV Pilots Association. There will be more information to come.

Parking Lot system, everything is signed and ready just waiting on Spot Hero to get everything for us.

Draft for the Rules and Regulations. Will wanted to get some feed back from the board. The board didn't see anything too major. Carl Denslow wanted to compare it to some other Rules and Regulations. Carl did ask about the Freedom of speech area. Casey Pamperien responded that all of them had that in there and Casey thought maybe it was to just have a place to keep everyone safe.

Will explained that he wanted to have the board look at it, have the airport tenants look at it, thought about having the FAA look at, have the County Attorney go over it and then send it to the County Commissioners look over it and approve it.

Vern Heersink asked if the document had already been in place and if it was just an update. Will said no this would be the first.

Looking at finishing it and adopting it by January is the goal.

### **GENERAL AVIATION- CARL DENSLow**

Carl Denslow reported that he was still gathering information. He reported that there are not any clubs but a lot of aviation in the sky. He is looking at starting a club. UAS program at Trinidad State is on pause.



### **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (HSG)- CASEY PAMPERIEN**

Casey Pamperien updated the board on the 2021 homeland security. The camera project is done. The lighting project has 1 pole left so about 99% done. It should be completed by September. 2022 the generator project is coming along but is going to be a task. Trying to find and put criteria to put together to get a used generator to run everything. Just looking into everything to be able to get the grant approval.

### **EAS- Denver Air Connection- Jon Coleman**

Jon Coleman with Denver Air Connection did not report. Donna Wehe asked Keeli Larsen on how things seemed to be going. Keeli reported things seem to be going well. Few delays but coming from Denver. Will and Casey agreed. Checking in is going much better to what they can see.

### **Marketing - Kale Mortensen-**

Kale Mortensen said that there wasn't a whole lot to report. Running on local news websites. Have the two billboards leased out. Will need to get an approval by the Commissioners on continuing the Marketing funding for 2024. Kale asked about the car rental on how that is going? Adam Lopez from Quest Rental Cars said it was going great. 13 rentals now and going to be adding more. Mostly local people renting cars.

### **Parking Lot Committee-Donna Wehe**

Donna Wehe said that everything is on track as per Will reported in his update to the board.

### **Centric Aviation FBO – Tara Maugham**

Tara reported to the board that

May 190

29% airline

71% general aviation

June 220

24% airline

76% general aviation

Total Flights- 1145 flights

Tara wanted to make sure that they are included and updated with the planning of the Fly-in. Will and Casey said that they had Adam in on the emails but for sure wanted to work with them.

There was more discussion on how the layout of the aircrafts and space would be and work.

### **Other Business:**

Donna asked County Commissioner Vern Heersink on an update on the fine with FAA. Vern reported that nothing has changed but there is discussion with the County Attorney Jason Kelly and other Attorney's. Carl asked why the City was named in the fine. Will explained that the City of Alamosa was part of the ownership but our County Attorney is working on only having Alamosa County to be the sole ownership.

### **Adjourned:**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10