



A regular meeting of the Alamosa County Airport Advisory Board was held in person and virtually on September 12th, 2023, at 8:15am.

Members Present

- Randy Wright
- Donna Wehe
- Carl Denslow
- Andrew Hartman

Others Present:

- Will Hickman
- Keeli Larsen
- Tara Maugham
- Erin Minks
- Jon Waters
- Jon Weeks
- Jon Coleman

CALL TO ORDER AT 8:15a.m.

Roll Call- Erin Keck was not present

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donna Wehe made a motion to approve the September 12th, 2023 agenda and Carl Denslow second. The agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the July 13, 2023 minutes by Andrew Hartman, and Carl Denslow second. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None



INTRODUCTION OF NEW ALAMOSA COUNTY AAB MEMBER

Will Hickman welcomed Erin Keck as the new Alamosa County AAB member. Both Randy and Will stated that she will be a great addition to the board.

ALAMOSA COUNTY AAB MEMBER ELECTION

Randy would be willing to stay on as Vice-Chairman, Donna asked Carl if he would be willing to be Chairman. Carl said he would be okay with being Chairman. Nobody else was interested to be Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Randy asked to have a motion made to elect Carl Denslow as Chairman and himself to be Vice-Chairman of the San Luis Valley Regional Alamosa County Airport Advisory Board. Andrew made the motion and Donna second. The motion was approved unanimously.

GENERAL AVIATION- CARL DENSLow

Carl reported that the Fly-in that was over the Labor Day seemed to be a success. That was just his observation. Donna asked Andrew what he thought and he felt that it went pretty good for a first annual fly-in. Will stated that he didn't really have an accurate number of people who came. Carl was able to talk to Jason Medina and he was able to point Carl in the direction of some grant opportunities that might be able to help with people wanting to take classes to learn to fly. He is going to check into this more.

EAS- DENVER AIR CONNECTION JON COLEMAN

Jon updated the board that DAC is very pleased with the fair structure over the summer. He stated that the enplanements are very strong and that the afternoon flight is restricted in seats because of the heat and altitude and they are consistently selling out. Jon reported that currently there is the morning flight and the overnight flight and that they are extending those out later than last year. Didn't know the exact date but probably around Thanksgiving. DAC will then bring back the early morning and the overnight flight in early spring. They prefer the overnight but because there isn't a hangar for them to use, the schedule has to change. He said that the ground crews are doing great. Donna Wehe told Jon that everything seems to be doing good. Donna asked about some disgruntled pilots and asked if he could explain a little about it. Jon committed a little about it of what he could and he explained that it is on the Cargo and not passenger.

MARKETING- KALE MORTENSEN

Keeli Larsen gave the update to the board for Kale and just stated that there was nothing new at this time. Donna asked if there was something in the July minutes that either the Alamosa County Commissioners or Will needed to ask the marketing board to renew with them. Will did say that he did submit a letter to the marketing board.



CENTRIC AVIATION FBO- TARA MAUGHAM

Tara Maugham reported to the board that July and August had an increase from last year. July was 280 and August was 260 bringing the total served to 1,680. She said that they are fully staffed and doing good. Randy asked what the percentage was for this year over last year and Tara stated that July was up 26% increase and August was 5% increase. She didn't really know why it was up but that it was.

Donna asked to get an update on the car rental.

Tara said that it is going well, getting great feedback. They started in may with 7 rental cars and are up to a fleet of 15 cars. Randy asked how the pickup truck was renting and Tara said that the pickup was doing great. Randy and Donna told them that they are doing a great job and if there is anything they can do to help.

Airport Manager -Will Hickman

Will thanked Carl for taking the Chair position. He also thanked Randy and Donna.

Will updated the board on the 139 inspection that had just happened. Over all everything went great. He wants perfection but that is really hard to get. He said that there is a new inspector who should be the inspector for two years. The inspector stated that we had excellent records. She did like the 139 record system that we have and was going to show other airports.

Had just a few discrepancies. These were not a big deal just need to fix them. Randy asked how long does the airport have to fix them. Will said that we had to come up with a painting plan and it needed to be submitted by the end of November. This plan has to be for the next three years. Will feels that things are getting better every year. ARFF was really great and no discrepancies there. That is the inspector's top priority so that was good.

SRE/ ARFF Building- Alcon was awarded the contract. A kick off meeting was scheduled for later in the day to talk about the schedule. The grants are in place. Hoping to start in October or November as long the weather holds if not it will be in the spring. Should have this building completed by next winter. If they have to wait to break ground until spring it should not delay anything. Randy asked if it helped having a local contractor and Jon Weeks stated that because it is federal that have to go with the lowest bid. Carl asked if there is a penalty if not completed by a certain time and who keeps track of that. Will said it is with Aviation and they work with the FAA on that.

Will let the board now that the Alamosa County Attorney is looking over the Rules and Regulations. He wanted to thank the board for looking them over and for the feedback.

Will talked about the Fly-in and thought it turned out great. Everyone he talked to said they loved it and thanked him for doing it. The Commemorative Airforce came and charged for rides that was a hit.

Parking lot system is coming along. He is working on the signage right now and is hoping to have it going by the end of the year.

Carl asked about the enforcement on the parking. Will stated that the Operations will be the enforcers on it. Still working on all the details.



Homeland Security Casey is working with sam.gov to find a generator that is registered with them. Will said that we were looking for a generator that could power the whole airport but may have to go with one that just does the runway lights. It would be mobile. Casey has been trying to work with local contractors to see if they could get registered.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (HSG)- CASEY PAMPERIEN

Update given in Will Hickman's report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Erin Minks wanted to thank everyone when Senator Bennet came for a visit in August. She stated that Casey and Keeli did a great Job. She wanted to let Will know that they are willing to with getting a hangar for the commercial airplane. That was on their radar for next thing to help the airport with. Randy wanted thank her and Senator Bennet for all they have done and are doing for the Airport.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02a.m.