

## Alamosa Airport Advisory Board Meeting

September 12, 2024 at Centric, Alamosa Airport

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carl Denslow at 8:15a.m. Board members present were: Randy Wright, Donna Wehe, Andrew Hartman, Kale Mortenson, Carl Denslow and Erin Keck. Present was also Keeli Larson representing DAC, airport assistant Kenedi Hoover, airport manager Will Hickman, Patrick Ortiz Regional representative for Senator John Hickenlooper, and Erin Minks for Michael Benet's office. There were also two commissioners in attendance, Lori Laske and Vern Heersink. Centric also had present Andrew Hartman, Tara Maugham, and Adam Lopez. Present was also Kale Mortenson for marketing and John Weekes as Javiation project manager.
2. There were no additions or deletions to this agenda.
3. Denslow moved to approve the agenda, Wright second and the motion carried.
4. Denslow moved to approve the minutes form 07/11/2024, Wehe second and the motion was carried.
5. Presentation from the Public:
  - a. Erin Minks with Michael Benet's office gave an announcement from the previous meeting she held with Airport manager, Will Hickman, and how she wants to make sure that the AAB and the SLV Regional Airport knows that they have support and information to be able to help the airport with any information they may need in the future. Minks also acknowledge that she will be able to help as much as possible with any questions concerning FAA the SLV airport may encounter.
6. AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. SLV Regional Airport Manager Will Hickman gave an update to the board which covered the following topics:
    - i. Having a full staff with the SLV Airport and having full staffing for the airport's ARFF station
    - ii. The number of individuals using the SLV airport and how these numbers have compared to last month and to last years. Also, what complaints are being addressed with the flights and how we can better serve these individuals.
    - iii. Using Runwaystats.com to track operations, number of aircrafts, analyzing data, grants, etc. for the airport
  - b. Projects happening in the SLV Airport
    - i. SRE/ARFF building is very close to being completed and will be move in ready in October of this year
    - ii. Working on acquiring a new runway broom through federal and state funding
    - iii. NAVID project to replace the beacon with LED lighting and to replace any lighting along the runway that needs new bulbs
    - iv. Annual Inspection went very well and there are minor updates that will be taken care of.

- v. Repainting of the runway will be finished in four-year increments with yearly painting updates.
  - vi. ARFF is going to be going through a Firefighter One training class
  - vii. Using the Homeland Security Grant to purchase a generator for emergence back up on the runway. (\$16,000) saving significant amount of money.
- 7. Carl Denslow gave an update on general aviation and the planning of a fly in with other airports
  - a. Possibility of a fly in, also talk about the fly ins happening in other surrounding airports and how we could possibly, in the future, be incorporated into the other airports fly ins.
  - b. Denslow also explained that there is great opportunities when bringing in past members of the SLV area and being able to have them tell stories of their current life based off of aviation experience.
- 8. Denver Air Connection's, Keeli Larson, gave a few updates for DAC
  - a. Customer traffic is on the rise with SLV Regional Airport
  - b. Scheduling is picking up with DAC and there is potential for the company to add a few more stops to their itinerary in Pueblo and Jackson, TN.
  - c. Centric will be helping with Deicing
  - d. Flights are staying on schedule as well as can be with the changes in weather this year.
- 9. Kale Mortenson gave a few updates to the marketing aspect with the SLV Airport
  - a. Developing land, profit solutions, possible solar
  - b. Airport updating logos, navigation, and advertisements
  - c. Renewing billboards
  - d. SLV website will now be ran by Alamosa County and how we can incorporate new ideas into the website
- 10. FBO and Centric updates were given by Tara Maugham
  - a. Planes being serviced were down for the month however, up significantly from the previous year.
  - b. New deicing units are now available for the airport and will be used for DAC
  - c. Car rentals are doing very well and this has led to increased vehicles and increased vehicle sizes
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 am.