

Directors Report

October 20, 2021

1. Passenger statistics

September 2021, we had 2,158 passengers depart and 2,085 arrive for a total of 4,243 total for the month. Total passengers for 2021 are 33,792 up from 21,207 in 2020. In 2019 we had a total passenger count of 42,186 at the same time.

2. By-Laws Update

I sent out a doodle poll to the county officials that the board decided to be on the by-law committee and never got a response. We then decided to go ahead with the committee consisting of the two board members and myself.

3. SkyWest update

SkyWest has gone through some changes recently that affect us. First the COO that we have always worked with Greg Atkins has been replaced by the company's CFO Wade Steel. The new management is more dedicated to profit then customer service and now we see why many things have changed in the last few months. If SkyWest isn't making a certain profit in a community, they will pull out. That is why Durango, Rapid City and Casper lost service to Salt Lake. Our CPA agreement with the state and SkyWest will end on June 30, 2022. Currently, we are unsure where this leaves the four airports that are in the CPA now. The state will most certainly have to negotiate a new deal. The state is aware of the circumstances and everything happening and I'm certain will do what's best for the state and the four airports in the agreement. In the meantime, the Director of WYDOT, Director of Aeronautics, and two airport directors are going to St. George November 8 and 9 to meet with the new SkyWest management. They are also setting up a meeting with United Airlines for the near future. I will be one of the directors going to St. George in November. I will keep you all up to date on our progress.

4. Water main break update

I will give an update on the latest for the water main break at the intersection of the ramp, Delta, and Charlie

5. CRSSA Funds

If approved by the FAA I would like to use CRSSA funds to purchase two back up generators. One for the terminal and one for the new FBO terminal building.

6. Wings and Wheels update

We had a good turnout for our first event. Staff calculates around 250 participants going off the numbers of people who signed up for the free airline tickets and free flight around Gillette. We got good feedback from all who attended and have had some businesses and locals offer to support the event in the future. We plan on putting these types of events together each year into the future.

7. FAA Inspection

The airport will have their next Part-139 inspection the week of December 13-17. It will have been 25 months since our last inspection, mostly due to covid and the FAA unable to travel. In

years past all inspections must be done within a 24-month period, so this is something I have never seen before. In the last 15 years we have always had a yearly inspection.

8. Next airport board meeting

The next airport board meeting will be November 17, 2021 in the Fulkerson Operations Facility