



**August 10, 2010
Teleconference**

Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Patton	Chairman
Dale Hancock	Vice Chair
Dennis Heap	Secretary
Louis Spera	
Dave Ubell	
Debra Wilcox	

MEMBER ABSENT:

Joseph Thibodeau

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Gordon	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Scott Brownlee	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Christine Eldridge	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Greg Goldman	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
TK Gwin	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
John Sweeney	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics
Kaitlyn Westendorf	CDOT – Division of Aeronautics

1. Meeting commenced at 10:13 A.M.

2. EMERGENCY OUT-OF-CYCLE DEL NORTE GRANT REQUEST – JOHN SWEENEY

John Sweeney advised the Board that Del Norte is requesting the funds for Phase 2 of a proposed three phase project for a new runway. The need for airport improvements was first documented during the 2005 Colorado Airport System Plan update. During the update of this plan, it was noted that due to various reasons the Del Norte Airport was experiencing some growth and it would not be long before they out-grew their current facilities. This dictated that the airport's functional role change from a minor to an intermediate airport. In 2006, the Board and Division funded an Airport Layout Plan to address the future needs and demands at the airport. As a result of this study, it was noted that in the future the airport would need to have a new runway constructed to accommodate the medical flights as well as growth in general aviation. John said that in 2008, he and Travis Vallin attended a meeting at the airport and were made aware of many changes that had occurred at the airport, such as the growth in demand for hangars, expansion of the Wolf Creek development area and the Rio Grande Hospital being designated a "Critical Access Hospital". Currently the airport is not being used for emergency air transportation because of the runway length, requiring the patients to be driven to either Alamosa or Monte Vista to then be airlifted to their destination. Since 2006, the hospital has estimated that 200 patients have been transported in this manner. The ability to use the Del Norte Airport would significantly reduce transportation times for patients by about 1 to 1 ½ hours. This request is as a result of a coordinated effort between the Division, Congressman Salazar's office, the county, the Rio Grande Hospital and many local supporters of the airport. Since there is additional CDAG funding available, the Division felt that this would be a worthwhile project to support and will not affect the 2011 Grant Program or any other CDAG projects. The request is for an 80/20 split with the State portion of \$2,074,415. Debra Wilcox made the MOTION to approve this request and Louis Spera seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

General comments from the Board during discussion were very positive and demonstrated their support for the project.

NOTE: This Grant request included a standard Grant Evaluation Form and was found by the Staff to be in the best interest of statewide aviation and to support the goals contained in the Colorado Aviation Systems Plan.

**3. STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
– TK GWIN**

TK Gwin introduced an additional item for Board action. TK reminded the Board of a previously discussed problem between the State Electrical Board and the Garfield County Regional Airport. The State Electrical Inspector arrived unexpectedly, put a stop to the project and announced that all electrical projects, including FAA funded airport projects, need to be inspected and approved by a State inspector. This would result in significant project delays and cost overruns. In response to this issue, the Division staff, FAA and the State Electrical Board staff met and agreed to an MOU that would allow FAA funded electrical projects to be exempt from state inspection beyond service to the electrical vault. TK stated that the MOU is finished and the State Electrical Board has already signed it. He asked permission to allow the MOU to be signed by the Board Chairman and the Division Director in cooperation with a fast response shown by the Electrical Board. Louis Spera made the MOTION to approve this request and Dave Ubell seconded.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

4. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.