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## EDUCATION SESSION MINUTES

An education session for the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Aeronautics Commission was held on July 18 and 19, 2023, in Cheyenne.

***The following commission members were present, constituting a quorum.***

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| Dean McClain, Commissioner, District 1 | Bruce McCormack, Chairman, District 4 |
| Jerry Blann, Vice Chairman, District 2 | Steve Maier, Commissioner, District 5 |
| Bill DeVore, Commissioner, District 3  |                                       |

Commissioners Duck and Harrop were absent.

***The following WYDOT staff were present and participated in the workshop.***

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| Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator | Sheri Taylor, UAS Manager                     |
| AJ Schutzman, Senior Aviation Planner  | Andrew Klingenberg, District Project Engineer |
| Kimberly Chapman, Commission Secretary |   |

Other attendees included: Cheryl Bean, Planning & Programming Manager, WYDOT; Phillip Hearn, Engineering & Construction Manager, WYDOT; Mariah Johnson, Air Service Development Manager, WYDOT; MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Tiffany Romero, Grants and Programming Specialist, WYDOT; Tim Dolan, Airport Engineer, WYDOT; Travis King, Laramie Maintenance, WYDOT; Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer, WYDOT; Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer, WYDOT; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator, WYDOT; Matt Groth, Videographer, WYDOT; and Connie Golden, Flight Coordinator, WYDOT.

**Drone Demonstration**

The commission and WYDOT staff traveled to a WYDOT salt/sand shed at mile marker 343.6 on I-80 for a drone demonstration on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Mr. Klingenberg and Ms. Taylor explained the features and operations of the Skydio drones before demonstrating a typical done mission. WYDOT drones have many use cases, one of which is materials inspections. The commissioners observed the whole inspection process, from start to finish, with Mr. Klingenberg describing each step of pre-flight and flight procedures. Mr. Klingenberg also demonstrated drone maneuverability and landing sequences.

The tour concluded at 4:50 p.m.

**Tour of Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF)**

The group met at the Wyoming Army National Guard’s Army Aviation Support Facility, located at the F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, for a tour and orientation flight at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

July 19, 2023. Mr. Schutzman, who is also a helicopter pilot for the Guard, gave the group a tour of the AASF including the classrooms, flight operations center, and hangar.

The tour was split into two groups for the orientation flight on a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. Each flight was piloted by Chief Warrant Officers Herget and Buettner, along with crewmen Sergeants Connary and Bates. While one group was on the flight, the other group stayed at the AASF and received information on Guard gear, equipment, and operations from Chief Reisig and Mr. Schutzman.

The tour concluded at 11:10 a.m.