

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 2, 2016

Present: Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Carl Koster, Thom Rosenberg, Bill Ward, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Brad Christopher, Leah Gisick, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Ty Richardson, Victor White, Valerie Wise

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Ron Ryan, Former WAAB Member
Lonny Wright

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Rosenberg and second by Mr. Fletcher, to approve the minutes of the February March 7, 2016 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Mr. White stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Bill Ward who is retiring from the Wichita Airport Advisory Board (WAAB) today. Chairman Wooten thanked Mr. Ward for his years of time and mentoring. Mr. Ward is the longest serving member of the WAAB and was involved in the design process of the new Terminal Building since the very beginning as well as serving on the Public Art Selection Committee for the new Terminal.

Mr. Paul Davis was introduced as the newest member of the WAAB. He has lived in Wichita since 1954 and is the retired owner of A-Plus Auto Salvage.

Latest Federal Government statistics for 2015 show that average airfares in Wichita continue to drop. The Eisenhower Airport (ICT) is now lower on average than both Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and the gap with Kansas City is narrowing. ICT now retains around 80% of our market airline customers, compared to 56% in 2001.

ICT had its first Honor Flight, this year, last week. The Airport's Facebook page showed a live video of the arrival. The next Honor Flight will be this Friday at 11:15am.

The Grub & Groove festival will be held at Jabara Airport on August 27th from 3PM-11PM.

Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) has placed an item for approval on the City Council's Meeting Agenda. The Item is a lease with Leadfoot Express. Leadfoot Express has agreed to be the Air Cargo agent for Southwest Airlines and will occupy space on the south end of the Cargo Building.

Work is being done to finalize the design for the TSA offices on the 2nd floor of the new Terminal. It will likely go out to bid in June, and move-in should be around November. Once TSA moves into the new Terminal, the old terminal will be empty, however the west end ticket lobby area will still remain after the demolition and will be converted into usable space for airport operational purposes. The exterior of this portion of the building will be clad to look similar in appearance to the new terminal.

In April, ICT received the Ad Astra Award at the Chamber of Commerce Honor Night. Chairman Wooten and Mayor Longwell accepted the award on behalf of the Airport. Only three of these awards have ever been issued, as it's not an automatic award each year. A video, which was displayed at the Awards Dinner, was shown to all the WAAB members.

Air Service Development Updates – Valerie Wise

The Airport Roundtable Conference will be here in Wichita October 16-19 and consists of Marketing and Air Service professionals from different Airports, and representatives of different Airlines. This gives ICT the opportunity to showcase Wichita to the Airlines.

Southwest Airlines started nonstop service to St Louis and Phoenix on April 12th. Allegiant will start nonstop service to Orlando on May 25th.

Project Updates – John Oswald

Mr. Oswald presented a PowerPoint Presentation showing pictures of the continuing demolition of the old terminal, the interior of Mid Continent Aviation Services' renovated hangar and offices, and the new hangar being built by Leasecorp. Two videos were also watched which showed some of the concrete paving that is taking place.

Other Business

A suggestion was made that signs, with the names of each Airline, be placed outside on the Departure side of the Terminal curb, and also for benches to be added to the Women's restrooms.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. by Mr. Fletcher, 2nd by Mr. Greenlee.

Leah Gisick, Clerk