

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, June 5, 2017

Present: Robert Benton, Paul Davis, Joel Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy Jr., Richard Kerschen, Carl Koster, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Brad Christopher, Leah Gisick, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Victor White, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Mark Williams, Garver
Tim Bonnell

Chairman Rosenberg 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. Fletcher and second by Mr. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Mr. Tim Bonnell was welcomed by all as a future new WAAB member beginning in July.

This weekend there will be a B-17 Aircraft available at Jabara Airport for tours and flights.

Last week was the Great Plains Air Expo at Mid Continent Aviation Services in Hangar 17. There were nine aircrafts in from Beechcraft, Cessna, Cirrus, Pilatus, Piper, and TBM. Wings Insurance, Aviation Tax Consultants, and UMB Aviation Financing were on hand to talk with prospective aircraft purchasers. This expo is taking place in nine different states over the next few months.

Valerie Wise has been in Providence, RI attending the Airports Council International Jumpstart conference. Mrs. Wise will be making presentations to different airlines so as to entice more to come to Wichita, and for airlines already in ICT, to add more flights thereby lowering prices by raising competition. United Airlines non-stop flight to Denver is one flight in particular that ICT would like to see with lower prices.

Karen Page arrived at 3:05 p.m.

The Airport's contract with Garver is on tomorrows City Council agenda. Garver was chosen after a national search as the engineering consultant to handle a study of the entire General Aviation ramp on the east side of the airport. This study will figure out exactly how much work needs to

be done along with the timing and phasing of the work. The study phase will take approximately seven months at a cost of \$609,000. Another item on the City Council agenda is the Airports new contracts with several different Airlines and Tenants for Sanitary Waste Disposal Station Permits. The airlines had been taking the lavatory waste from the airplanes, putting it into tanks and dumping it into the sewer manhole at Signature. Eisenhower Airport has built a sanitary dump station and the airlines will begin dumping into that station.

Global Aviation Technologies, a local MRO (general aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul operation) has sub-leased a 28,000 sq. ft. hangar from Leasecorp, along with half of another 28,000 sq. ft. hangar. Ms. Page pointed out that Global Aviation Technologies is a small, female owned, minority company making them a company that has all the attributes of economic growth that Wichita looks for when trying to grow and nurture new companies.

A press conference was held at the White House today regarding Air Traffic Control Privatization. It was officially rolled out as part of their agenda to get the FAA out of the Traffic Control business. The Wichita City Council adopted a legislative agenda a few months back formally stating that the City of Wichita is against privatization of Air Traffic Control Services. If Air Traffic Control was privatized there would be a private corporation in charge, with 80-90% of the board members being from the Airlines. The motivation of the White House is modernization of the Air Traffic Control system and the fact that other countries have done this. The Kansas congressional delegation is aware of the position held by both the City and Eisenhower Airport. Wichita has a lobbyist in DC working with congress and trying to prevent privatization.

The White House has also formally proposed cuts to TSA that will affect Eisenhower Airport. Eisenhower currently receives around \$150,000 in reimbursements each year from the TSA for police officer presence, required by TSA, at the checkpoints. If these cuts go through, Eisenhower will need to raise the money elsewhere by raising certain airline fees which could lead to higher airfares. Part of this budget proposal would include TSA increasing the ticket fee being charged to airline passengers by several dollars. This proposal also cuts the TSA employees that sit at the exit of each checkpoint, meaning the Airport will need to either hire out this position or build a one-way door system, both solutions costing the Airport. The budget is not yet approved and Senator Moran's office is trying to fight it.

Contractors for the Terminal project believe they have found the source of the terminal leaks. There are around 20 light poles that penetrate the roof but were not sealed properly. Putting a flashing around the base of one pole seemed to stop the leaks in that area during the last few storms. The next step will be for the remaining poles to have the flashing placed around the base at a cost of around \$600 each.

Project Updates – John Oswald

Mr. Oswald did not share any updates with WAAB.

Other Business

All members and guests were invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of the terminal.

There will be no July meeting. The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:48p.m.by Ms. Page, 2nd by Mr. Koster.

Leah Gisick, Clerk