

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, August 6, 2018

Present: Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, Joey Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Leah Gisick, Clerk

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Mark Williams, Garver

Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:00 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. Davis and second by Mr. Bonnell to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Four separate Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants have been approved for \$4.2 million. These grants will replace two Fire Fighting vehicles, reimbursement for part of the Aircraft Apron around the Terminal, reimbursement for a previous land acquisition out at Colonel James Jabara Airport, and reimbursement for design and construction cost for some airfield electrical work. New work will include the design and construction of the ramp expansion for U.S Customs & Border Protection and the Taxiway H-2.

For the sixth year in a row, the Airport has passed the FAA Annual Safety Inspection without any discrepancies.

Charles Fletcher arrived at 3:06 PM.

In the first quarter of 2018, airfares have dropped three percent compared to 2017.

Last Tuesday, the Magic Flight Statue was moved from the old terminal to the new terminal. A new steel base was built for the structure. A new granite outside shell that is being constructed will be installed in the next couple weeks.

Valerie Wise shared information on the Frontier Airlines contest. The winner will receive a trip made for two to Denver, CO. It will include two \$250 travel vouchers, two hotel night stay, free parking for up to five days at this Airport, and two Denver City passes. Contest entries will end on August 26th.

Tomorrow the non-signatory airline use and lease agreement with Frontier Airlines, Inc. will be brought before the City Council for approval.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has asked for their facility to be renovated. In 2010, the building was built where their facility is currently located. To continue to keep their services at this location, renovations are required. Later this month, project managers will be met with to see what the renovations will consist of.

The contract with the Broker for Real Estate Marketing is very close to being finished and will go on City Council agenda for approval.

On August 21, 2018 a press conference will be held in the terminal media room to announce the service with Aira. Aira provides video-equipped smart glasses to help assist blind customers. This company also provides a smartphone app and a one-click button to a network of trained professional agents. The professionally trained agent's help customers engage, explore, and experience the world in a different and beneficial way. Customers can get help visually, without needing a sighted person nearby.

The news reported that Transportation Security Administration (TSA) stated that security check point screenings could come to a stop at smaller Airports. TSA issued a statement to the press last week that stopping the screenings is not going to happen.

Lt. Erwin Bleckley, a forward observer during World War I, was the only person from Wichita to earn the Medal of Honor. He died from injuries in a plane crash on October 6, 1918. He earned the Medal of Honor for his actions in helping find the Lost Battalion. Wichita's VFW Post 112 are hoping to find a way to honor Lt. Bleckley and his service at the terminal.

General Aviation Apron Project Update

Mark Williams, with Garver, presented a PowerPoint Presentation showing the updates on the General Aviation Apron Improvements. The study has 6 components that are required to be looked at; the pavement condition, operational safety, apron expansion, utilities/deicing, non-standard taxiways, and construction sequencing. The stakeholder engagement has been the most productive part of the process. There have been four stakeholder meeting sessions that include all divisions and tenants that are involved in the project. These meetings keep all up-to-date with the process and get feedback from everyone involved.

The Apron has been divided into three distinct sections; south apron, center apron, and north apron. These were based on aircraft size and operational characteristics. The south apron has larger aircraft use, storage and fueling operations. The center apron has smaller aircraft use and service. The north apron has medium aircraft use and storage. For each of the three areas, around four to

six preferred alternatives have been developed for the preferred pavement geometry. The alternatives that will be implemented will be for aircraft parking areas, vehicle service roads, taxi lanes, and GSE parking during the project.

Garver developed two funding scenarios. The aggressive funding scenario would use the Airport's regular entitlement fund that are available annually, along with a couple discretionary funds from the FAA. This would be four projects to complete four years in a row. First project would begin in the fiscal year 2020 and with being aggressive could complete projects four years in a row. The other funding scenario is a seven phase project. This is using the regular entitlement funding only. This scenario could take until 2035 to finish. If the funding is available through the FAA, the more aggressive scenario would be the way to go.

Project Updates

John Oswald presented a PowerPoint Presentation showing information on the project for Taxiway H-2 and H-16 apron expansion. Construction will plan to begin on August 13, 2018. Substantial completion of the construction should be towards the end of October, resulting in a final completion in November.

The new B-29 Doc Hangar and Education Center is still in progress with the final roofing beginning.

Other Business.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. by Mr. Fletcher, 2nd by Mr. Bonnell.

Jordan Leonard, Clerk