

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 4, 2019

- Present: Charles Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karyn Page, Thom Rosenberg, Brent Wooten
- Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Belinda Witt, Properties & Contracts Analyst; Brian Cowles, Operations Manager; Kriscia Palacios, Clerk.
- City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney
- Guests: Barbara Autry, Midwest Corporate Aviation (MCA); Brenda Gerleman, MCA; Brian Strunk, MCA; Dwayne Clemens, Clemens Aviation; Julie Clemens, Clemens Aviation; Lizzie Clemens, Clemens Aviation; Shellie Foster, Clemens Aviation;; Chris McElGunn, KlendaAusterman Attorneys (representing Clemens Aviation); Jason Tidd, The Wichita Eagle; Kurt Yowell, MKEC.

Vice Chairman Fletcher 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. Hennessy and second by Mr. Bonnell to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

2018 was a record year at the Airport. Airline passenger traffic was up 3% - approximately 1.6 million passengers. Air cargo was up 7%, fuel sales at Eisenhower were up 3% and Jabara fuel sales were up almost 8%.

January 2019 was a record month with about 122,000 passengers.

Karyn Page arrived at 3:02 pm.

A group of students from Eric Wilson's class at WSU School of Communications have been working with Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager, on a class project to boost the I Fly Wichita air service initiative with a specific goal to reach the Gen-x and millennial audiences.

Work is continuing on the upcoming Customs project to provide renovations and remodeling of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Federal Inspection Services (FIS) General Aviation facility here at Eisenhower. CBP Headquarters and their local staff are developing the requirements that they desire for the facilities. John Oswald will be preparing an RFP for the selection of an architect that will be used to design the project specs. The current facilities were designed in accordance with 2006 federal standards and the building opened in 2010, but CBP now requires the building to be updated to meet the 2019 standards.

NAI Martens, our Real Estate broker, has started to develop marketing materials to saturate the market with information on the buildings that are available right now. They have also installed “available” signs on buildings and parcels at both airports.

Later this month, the Greater Wichita Chamber of Commerce will hold a regional chamber meeting and luncheon in the terminal media room that the Airport will co-host.

Clemens Aviation Jabara Airport FBO Request

Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney, offered an update on the Clemens Aviation Jabara Airport FBO request. The Airport staff and legal department continue to review materials and expect to prepare a report that encompasses both Clemens Aviation application and MCA’s objection to consider the application. Therefore, there will be no staff presentation or discussion at today’s meeting on the matter.

The Director asked if parties from MCA and Clemens would like to speak or present to the Board; MCA declined, while a legal representative of Clemens Aviation, Chris McElgunn, gave a brief introduction.

Project Updates

John Oswald offered a detailed presentation on the Runway Rehabilitation project that will kick off this fall. The tentative construction schedule begins in the fall of 2019 with Phase 1, and ends with phase 3 in July of 2020. Lochner has already submitted the first preliminary phasing plan and the Engineer’s report, which are required to move forward. The goal is to have this completed by Thanksgiving of 2020.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. by Mr. Fletcher, 2nd by Mr. Bonnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Kriscia Palacios, Clerk