

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA**  
**WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

Present: Charles Fletcher (Chairman), Tim Bonnell (Vice Chairman), ShaQiyla Banks, Paul Davis, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karen Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Deidre Cronk, Special Projects Contractor; Linda Turley, Capital Project Administrator; Traci Nichols, Properties Manager; Darlene Morris, Airport Systems Administrator; Elizabeth Anderson, Secretary; Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and a roll call was conducted. There was no call for public agenda due to the meeting being conducted virtually using Zoom, allowing only current members to attend in person if preferred.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion by Tim Bonnell and second by Paul Davis to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.*

**Chairman's Remarks:**

Mr. Fletcher made a few remarks regarding Victor White's retirement and recounted some of the memories and events they had worked together throughout the years which included the building of the new Terminal.

David Eslinger joined at 3:06pm.

**Director's Report – Victor White:**

The Director of Airports position has officially been posted and advertised nationally in AAAP and ACI-NA by the City of Wichita and will remain posted until July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is not known at this time if there will be an interim Director while the search is conducted.

The Airport has agreed to allow Wichita State University (WSU) to setup a COVID-19 testing site inside the Terminal. WSU has agreed to not promote or advertise the site as a community testing site for the general public. The testing will only be for passengers flying in or out and their greeting

party, and for Airport employees. The test is a PCR saliva test, free of charge, however the results are not rapid as they take close to 24 hours. Results will be emailed the next day to customers. The license with WSU for the testing site runs on a month-to-month basis but expires no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. The location will be in the terminal under the Air Capital of the World mezzanine where cars were previously placed for advertising.

Dr. Thomas Rosenburg joined at 3:12pm.

Two Leasecorp Hangars have been approved by the Airport Authority/City Council to be assigned to Yingling. Plans are in the works for Global Aviation Technologies to purchase Leasecorp's other two hangars, and this will most likely be on the WAA/City Council agenda by the end of the month. The short-term assignment of the Honeywell facility to Spirit AeroSystems to produce ventilators has expired. It will likely be assigned to Millennium Concepts (a manufacturer of aircraft interiors) and should also be on the WAA/City Council agenda by the end of the month depending on the progress the various attorneys make in preparing the assignment and sales agreements.

The February natural gas bill from Symmetry (our broker) was close to ten times higher than normal after the extreme cold spell. The Airport's bill is usually in the area of \$40,000, however February's activity cost over \$400,000 without a significant increase in volume used. The cost of gas is passed on to our tenants based on their usage which caused their bills to all be significantly higher for February usage. The majority of our tenants have paid the bill, however as of right now Doc's Hangar has not been able to pay as they are a non-profit business. The Airport Attorney, Jay Hinkel, explained that three attorneys' in the law department looked into it and decided there was no contractual basis to contest the billing. Other municipalities and school districts in Kansas that also received excessively high gas bills have come to the same conclusion.

There was a conference call today with the Airports Council International Legal Committee regarding Turo, a car-sharing company. Several airports have sued Turo in order to require them to enter into an agreement since they are conducting business on the Airport property and operating essentially as a car rental service. Several airports have now entered into agreements with Turo. Mr. White wanted to advise the WAAB to pay close attention in the coming years as this may become an issue at the Eisenhower Airport.

### **Project Updates– John Oswald:**

Mr. Oswald shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding current and future projects happening at the Airport. Some of the projects discussed were the Bulk Fuel Farm renovation, Bevan Aviation's heating system replacement, Customs and Border Control building remodel and security upgrade, the garage ramp repairs, a PCI update, the Runway rehabilitation project, and general aviation apron reconstruction, along with multiple projects at the Jabara Airport. His presentation concluded with pictures of both Victor White and Linda Turley through the years, as both will be retiring on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Air Service Update– Valerie Wise:**

Ms. Wise shared a PowerPoint presentation showing air service updates. Mr. White added that two new Airlines have begun service, Avelo Airlines and Breeze Airways. We have contacted both Airlines in a hope to bring more service to Eisenhower. The WAAB will be advised if any updates become available.

**Other Business:**

The next WAAB meeting will be held virtually on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

*Motion to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. by Paul Davis, second by Tim Bonnell. Motion carried unanimously.*

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Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

Appointee	Representing	Appointment Expiration
<b>Jonathan McRoy</b>	Mayor	3/31/2022
<b>Karyn Page</b>	City Council – District I	3/31/2022
<b>Charles Fletcher</b>	City Council – District II	3/31/2022
<b>Paul Davis</b>	City Council – District III	3/31/2022
<b>Dr. Thom Rosenberg</b>	City Council – District IV	3/31/2022
<b>Joey Ellzey</b>	City Council – District V	3/31/2022
<b>Dwight Greenlee</b>	City Council – District VI	3/31/2022
<b>Ron Ryan</b>	Sedgwick County – 1 <sup>st</sup> District	3/31/2023
<b>John Hennessy, Jr.</b>	Sedgwick County – 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	3/31/2023
<b>Tim Bonnell</b>	Sedgwick County – 3 <sup>rd</sup> District	3/31/2023
<b>Shaqiyla Banks</b>	Sedgwick County – 4 <sup>th</sup> District	3/31/2022
<b>David Eslinger</b>	Sedgwick County – 5 <sup>th</sup> District	3/31/2023
<b>Kelly McElroy</b>	REAP Representative	3/31/2022