



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 7, 2022
3:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board (WAAB) was held in the Administration Building Board Room, 2173 Air Cargo Road and via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present in Person: Tim Bonnell, Jerome Cottner, Joseph Ellzey, Charlie Fletcher, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr., Randy Mullikin, Ron Ryan, Sierra Scott.

Present Virtually: Marco Alcocer, Jonathan McRoy.

STAFF PRESENT:

Present in Person: Jesse R. Romo, Brad Christopher, Jean Zoglman, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Traci Nichols, Jay Hinkel, Jill Darge.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ian Martel

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Darge took roll call. Bonnell called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board approved the Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting held on October 3, 2022.

No public comments were received.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Katie Striegel will follow up as appropriate on WAAB members bios.
- Police & Fire activities report has been deferred until January 2023 WAAB Meeting.
- February's WAAB meeting will provide a year in review for 2022 by division managers.

STAFF REPORTS:

Oswald presented the Project Updates:

- Air Traffic Control Tower Project has been completed.
- Street Project should be completed by year end.

- The Jabara Airport Commercial Development study has been completed.
- Proposals are being accepted to perform a federally required Environmental Assessment on 75 acres on the north end of Jabara. This is the next step in preparing the land for development.

Zoglman gave a Financial Report:

- Signatory airlines of American, Delta, Southwest, United and non-signatory airlines of Alaska and Allegiant all participated in virtual, meeting in late October.
- Estimated aviation activity, operating results, capital recovery and net revenue sharing for 2023 were disclosed with emphasis on the rate stabilization and Operating & Maintenance reserves that reduce financial risk for the Authority.
- The proposed rates for 2023 that were accepted by the airlines are the same as what has been in effect since mid-2021.
- Projections show that the financial metrics agreed to with the City for the use of General Obligation funding are attainable.
- The airlines were encouraged to continue to partner with the Authority to identify solutions as the financial benefits of the COVID grants are exhausted.
- Airline representatives expressed appreciation for how Wichita (ICT) is managing the rates.

Wise reported on Air Service:

- Community outreach represented by two school tours were described in detail. Tours were given to the Coffeyville Jobs for American Graduates-Kansas (JAG-K) program & students with visual impairments from Maize High School.
- Discussion ensued regarding videoing of the tours, videographer services available through the city and parking videos on flywichita.com.
- New enplanement record was set in September signaling continued strong leisure travel and the return of the business traveler. The third quarter of 2022 reflected a recovery to 94% of 2019.
- Load factor peaked at 88% but is stabilizing in low 80's due to larger aircraft being brought back into the market.
- Fare comparison to regional markets reflects ICT is competitive. ICT fares are 2% less than the same time in 2019.

Christopher gave an Operations Report:

- Summarized finalization of the cargo apron study including demand characteristics and existing capacity. The study recommended two things: a short-term remarking project that will accommodate one additional wide body aircraft and is targeted for 2023; and, a longer-term expansion project that provides capacity for two more wide body aircrafts and address direct connections to the runway for safety reasons.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Romo will be giving a general update and presentation to the City Council in a workshop on December 16th at 11:30 am. Hennessey suggested that Romo emphasize the good information WAAB is getting under Romo's direction at the monthly meetings.
- Ryan asked about the status of the new hotel and Romo responded that milestones are being worked.
- Bonnell pointed out that some WAAB members were interested in having tours. Scott has not had a tour and Frazer has not had a terminal tour. Darge was asked to schedule those.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022.