



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2023
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, David Eslinger, Charlie Fletcher, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr.

Present Virtually: Marco Alcocer

STAFF PRESENT:

Present in Person: Jesse R. Romo, Jean Zoglman, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Traci Nichols, Roger Xanders, Jason Jones, Rita Rodriguez, Jay Hinkel, Jill Darge.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Don Blecha, Robert Fawcett. Paul Fiebich, June Blanton, Bob Blanton.

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 December 5, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Blanton with EAA Chapter 88 reported on the status of the building located at 3612 N. Webb Rd. A letter was received from Airport staff denying the request for financial support for the roof replacement. Discussion ensued and it was determined that WAA could not provide financial support. The rental fees negotiated for the use of the facilities were significantly discounted in exchange for EAA accepting responsibility to maintain the building.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Zoglman reported that the monthly statistical report contained an error. Rent-A Cars are shown to have a 22% decline for the revenues for the month of November, but it should be a 6.45% increase from last year. It is the first time since the pandemic the Food & Gift, Rent-A-Car, and Parking Lot revenue were all above what was reported for the same month in 2019.

- Romo stated that Bonnell, Hennessey, Ryan and Eslinger's terms are expiring in March. It was recommended that the respected representatives be contacted for reappointment.
- Romo provided artwork of the WAAB and City Council photos for the terminal. A location for the photos has not been determined.
- Wichita Aero Club is hosting a Gala on January 21, 2023, in Doc's Hangar. WAA has purchased a table, if interested in attending, please let Romo know by the end of the week as seating is limited.
- Next month's meeting will include a year in review from all divisions.

STAFF REPORTS:

Xanders and Jones reported on 2022 Airport Police & Fire:

- 496 Cases have been written between Airport and Police Cases, 24 arrests and 12 guns turned into evidence from TSA checkpoint.
- 162 Medical calls.
- 52 Aircraft emergencies.
- Tri-Annual Mass Disaster Exercise will be held on September 1, 2023, which includes mutual aid agencies from Sedgwick County and will exercise an aircraft disaster to include over 200 responders, 100-120 actor/victims as well as support personnel. This is a large-scale disaster exercise that is mandated to occur every three years by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Rapid Intervention Fire truck has been purchased to support both medical & law enforcement calls.
- Rodriquez hosted a Lunch and Learn and a Psychological First Aide Training Class for the Incident Family Support Team
- Hennessey was very appreciative of the informative report from Police and Fire.
- Airport Police & Fire received an award for performing a lifesaving procedure on a passenger.

Wise reported on Air Service:

- American Airlines has exited 18 markets since the pandemic due to pilot shortage and market underperformance.
- American will add a 7th daily flight to Dallas starting in May.
- American has contracted with Air Wisconsin to operate some of the regional markets and will no longer contract with Mesa. United, which contracted with Air Wisconsin for some of the regional flying, will now contract with Mesa. This transition is expected to be final in April.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023.