

CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 5, 2003 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Tim Austin, Dion Avello, Charles Bouilly, Bill Calloway, Mitch Faroh, Beth Garrison, Dorothy McKay, Dave Murfin, Don Slawson, Jay Swanson, James Thompson

Absent: Michael Ledy

City Staff: Ernie Garcia, Doug Moshier

Airport Staff: Bailis Bell, Thomas Nolan, Valerie Wise and Jean Zoglman

Chairman Avello called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Slawson to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2003 Wichita Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Issues Report

Bell gave a presentation that was presented to the City Council on April 29. Upcoming projects were discussed.

Master Plan/Terminal Area Planning Project – Status Report

Staff is waiting for a \$750,000 grant to begin the terminal area development plan project.

March 2003 Statistical/Project Report

Total passengers increased 20.85% over March 2002.

Other Business

Bell reported that Enterprise Rent A Car and Thrifty Car Rental are now doing business on Mid-Continent Airport, effective May 1, 2003.

An air service event known as “Power Up” took place April 29 – May 1. The purpose was to generate interest in the low fare carriers at Mid-Continent Airport.

On May 6, 2003, the City Council will take action on a proposal for business assistance for Bombardier Aerospace. A reduction in airport land rent of \$.06 per square foot to \$.033 per square foot for a period of five years is proposed. This would reduce airport revenue by approximately \$36,000 per year. Bombardier also utilizes a public aviation aid referred to as a “compass rose” located adjacent to the taxiway serving the Learjet plant. A compass rose is a static device that allows aircraft to adjust their on-board compasses to align with true north. Bombardier has requested improvements be made to the compass rose, estimated to cost

\$500,000. A grant application has been submitted to Congressman Tiahrt's office which would pay for the cost of replacing the compass rose and improving the associated taxiway. The taxiway and compass rose will then become open to the public.

Due to the unavailability of the Director of Airports the first two Mondays in June, it was the consensus of the Board to cancel the June 2003 meeting unless important matters need to be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. to an airfield tour.

Valerie Wise, Clerk