

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, July 2, 2012

Present: Charles Fletcher, U.L. Gooch, Dwight Greenlee, Steve Harris, Willis Heck, John Hennessy, Thomas Pryor, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Bill Ward

Absent: Dave Bayouth, Brent Wooten, Kurt Yowell

Airport Staff: Victor White, Brad Christopher, Kathryn Keathley, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Others: Pat McCollom, AECOM
Polly Jessen, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell
Josh Kippenberger, Key/Walbridge
Rick McCafferty, Key/Walbridge
Dave Wells, Key/Walbridge
Terry Malone, Martin Pringle
Marcia Wood, Martin Pringle
Brian Youngers, Signature Flight Support
Doug Stucky, Stucky Nolte

Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Fletcher, second by Heck, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2012, Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Director of Airports Victor White provided each Board member a spreadsheet summarizing the leases that the Airport initiated in the first six months of 2012, which was prepared by Properties and Contracts Manager Traci Nichols. The amount of new annual revenue that has been generated as a result of Ms. Nichols' diligence in our real estate activities to procure new tenants and renegotiate existing leases is approximately \$250,000 so far this year.

Construction projects are proceeding normally. The Learjet parking lots are underway, and are expected to be completed within a few months. The fuel farm rehabilitation is expected to be complete at the end of July.

The expansion of the security checkpoint at Mid-Continent Airport is moving forward. At the City Council/WAA meeting on July 3, the bid for the glass partitions for the screening areas will be awarded. The project includes upgrades to the screening equipment by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), increasing to four the total number of screening lanes, and a reconfiguration of the screening area, which is expected to improve customer service and decrease screening wait times. The changes will be in place by mid-August. In response to comments from John Hennessy and Chairman Rosenberg that Mid-Continent currently does an excellent job at moving the line quickly, Mr. White stated that TSA's records show that the longest average wait for screening is 30 minutes during our peak morning traffic times, while the standard screening wait target is ten minutes. The goal is to be able to consistently maintain the wait time at ten minutes, even during the busiest departure periods. In the first quarter of this year, the airlines greatly increased the number of departures from Mid-Continent in the 5am to 7am time period, which has caused much greater wait times at the security checkpoint in the mornings. The TSA is beginning to address this problem at larger airports through a program called PreCheck, which allows a traveler to register with the TSA and receive an identification card that allows him or her to go through an expedited screening lane. At this time, PreCheck is available at about 20 U.S. airports, and even at those airports, it is restricted to registered travelers with select participating airlines. PreCheck is modeled from Customs and Border Protection's Global Entry program.

Charles Fletcher asked Mr. White to provide an update on the topic of making it possible for larger capacity general aviation international flights to land directly in Wichita, which is important for the aircraft manufacturers. Mr. White stated that a solution for this issue is still being investigated. He continues to speak with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) locally. Mayor Brewer is also working on it through representatives of the White House. The Airport suggested that the Global Entry program be expanded for general aviation flights, so that more passengers could be processed at Wichita's CBP facility. Currently, the Global Entry program is only for commercial air carriers, so that potential solution needs to be investigated more and would require a change in CBP's policies. Another option might be expansion of the CBP facility, but that is conceivably very expensive and could take quite a while for CBP to approve (if at all). Also, the possibility of changing the law so that a carrier would be able to reimburse CBP for the additional staff needed to process larger flights in smaller entry facilities, like that at Wichita, is being investigated by Senator Roberts. A fourth possibility, which would not require any local changes, would be pre-clearance at the international departure point. Currently, CBP only offers this option to planes seating at least 70 passengers, so this option would also require regulatory change to allow smaller capacity aircraft to be pre-cleared, since the general aviation international flights arriving in Wichita are 50-seat capacity aircraft. This issue has become increasingly important to resolve, as Bombardier has at least one international flight arriving in Wichita from Montreal every weekday, and several times weekly from Mexico, that carries more passengers than the Wichita CBP facility is able to process directly.

ACT 3 Project Update and Approval of Package 12 Contract

ACT 3 Program Manager Pat McCollom stated that a formal protest to the Package 12 Contract award was submitted to the City on June 7, which was determined to be without merit by the

City Contract Compliance Officer. That protest rejection was appealed, and a public hearing was held this morning at the Board of Bids meeting. The Board of Bids will reconvene tomorrow afternoon to issue its decision on the appeal.

Steve Harris inquired about the approval process for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contractors. Mr. McCollom stated that DBE contractors must be certified with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Capital Program Administrator Linda Turley also reviewed the KDOT certifications provided in the bid proposal documentation for consistency with the scope of work, and if there were additional questions, the DBEs were interviewed by phone. In response to a question from Mr. White, Mr. McCollom stated that KDOT reviews the application submitted by the business, inspects the business location and interviews staff, and based upon the application and the on-site visit, will certify the business as a DBE for a particular scope of work. Dwight Greenlee stated that the KDOT certification process is very extensive, and it is not likely that a business would be certified for a scope of work without meeting a high level of proficiency.

Motion by Fletcher that the Wichita Airport Advisory Board recess into Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship related to legal advice, and that the Board return from Executive Session no earlier than 3:15 p.m., and reconvene in this boardroom. Second by Ward. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Motion by Fletcher that the Wichita Airport Authority accept the Package 12 contract to be awarded to Key/Walbridge at the bid price of \$101,500,542, with the understanding that, (i) arbitration is not acceptable because it would be a violation of the FAA requirements, (ii) the analysis of the bids by staff and bid committees have been in good faith and found to be in compliance with the requirements of Good Faith Efforts Review as outlined in 49 CFR 26 by the FAA, and (iii) that there is the possibility of losing Federal Aviation Administration funding if the WAA does not proceed in this manner. Second by Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

John Hennessy asked about the status of the Midwest Corporate Aviation lease negotiation. Brad Christopher answered that it is expected that the expired portion of the leases will be agreed upon soon, plus a few other hangar properties that will expire in 2013 and 2014. They will be able to combine a number of the remaining agreements in the near future.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, August 6, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Kathryn Keathley, Clerk