

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

**Monday, March 6, 2017**

Present: Rob Benton, Paul Davis, Joey Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy Jr., Richard Kerschen, Karen Page, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Leah Gisick, Jordan Leonard, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Ty Richardson, Valerie Wise, Victor White, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Mark Williams, Garver

Vice Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Mr. Fletcher and second by Mr. Wooten to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.*

**Director's Report – Victor White**

Mr. White asked Ty Richardson to speak regarding the upcoming conference for the South Central Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SCC-AAAE). The conference is being held in Wichita this year at the beginning of April. The last time Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) hosted the SCC-AAAE conference was in 2012. The WAA conference committee has been working since June of 2016 on promoting the conference and getting sponsors. Some of the money raised will be used by the SCC-AAAE towards aviation scholarships, and the WAA is hopeful of writing a check upwards of \$30,000 by the end of the conference.

Friends of Doc will be creating a display in a vacant advertising showcase in between gates 3 and 4 in the terminal. The idea is to promote the fundraising for the planned hangar for Doc by displaying photos, models, and Doc materials for sale.

The Ground Transportation fee proposal has underwent an extensive legal review and is scheduled for the March 21 City Council meeting. If approved, the fee collection process will be implemented April 1, and the first invoices for per-trip access fees will be sent out in May.

Alaska Airlines begins service out of Wichita on April 13, nonstop to Seattle. A TV ad began running March 5 on KWCH, and will continue on various stations after March Madness. The Flywichita website also has a landing page for more information regarding the service.

Starting in May and lasting for the summer, Allegiant will be adding a third weekly flight to

Phoenix and to Las Vegas. They will also be starting service to Orlando on May 17, and on May 31 begins their LAX seasonal service; both will run for about three months.

The WAA is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and the Wichita Aero Club on May 4 at the Hyatt Hotel for an event with Alaska Airlines. Three representatives from Alaska Air will be attending, including one of their Vice Presidents, John Kirby. Alaska Air is creating around 16 new jobs at the Wichita Airport.

Jay Hinkel gave an update on the Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) project. Two different versions of the charter ordinance are going forward, one from the Airport and one from Public Works. Agenda Reports on both versions are being prepared for the March 21 City Council meeting.

Paradies Lagardère (Paradies), the company operating retail, news, and gift concessions in the Terminal, has a 'Treat Our Troops' program. Customers, when checking out at the gift shops, can voluntarily buy extra items which are then donated to the McConnell Air Force Base. In 2016, at the ICT Terminal, over 13,000 items worth more than \$70,000 was collected. Paradies was given an award by McConnell for outstanding support of the service members. The donation was one of the highest in the country on a per-passenger basis, and beat Kansas City and Des Moines.

Traci Nichols will be attending a Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO Americas) conference and exhibition in Orlando at the end of April. WAA will be partnering with the City and with the Greater Wichita Partnership and cosponsoring a booth to get the word out regarding Airport properties that are available to construct hangars large enough to maintain airline size aircraft.

### **Project Updates – John Oswald**

Mr. Oswald shared a PowerPoint presentation entitled Airport Construction Projects. The construction of the TSA offices in the new terminal building is scheduled to be finished in July. LeaseCorp Hangar 4 off of Pueblo Rd. should be completed in late April and the new Hangar Dynamix hangar towards the end of this month. Other proposed 2017 Capital projects are: old terminal demolition and remodel, general aviation apron study, runway pavement rehab and electrical system upgrade study, medium voltage electrical system-phase VI, ARFF trucks (2) purchase, parking lots rehabilitation, HVAC equipment replacement, and water wells installation.

### **Other Business**

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:01p.m.by Mr. Hennessy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fletcher.

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Leah Gisick, Clerk