

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 1, 2017

Present: Robert Benton, Paul Davis, Joel Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy Jr., Richard Kerschen, Carl Koster, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Brad Christopher, Leah Gisick, John Oswald, Ty Richardson, Victor White, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle
Lonny Wright
Mark Williams, Garver
Raoul Cortez, KSN News

Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 3:02 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. Greenlee and second by Mr. Wooten to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Alaska Airlines' first nonstop flight from Wichita to Seattle was a couple of weeks ago. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the gate of the arriving flight which included the Mayor and several City Councilmembers, Airport Board Members, Alaska Airlines representatives, the Chamber of Commerce, Visit Wichita, and other dignitaries. This week in conjunction with the Wichita Aero Club and the Chamber of Commerce, Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) is hosting a luncheon with Alaska Airline executives at the Hyatt Hotel. Alaska Airlines executives will speak about their company and what they are doing to try and keep airfares low.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Kerschen arrived at 3:04pm.

Traci Nichols attended the Maintenance Repair & Overhaul (MRO) America's Conference & Tradeshow in Orlando, Fl. WAA shared a booth with the Greater Wichita Partnership and the City of Wichita Office of Economic Development and some other partners. There were around 8-900 exhibitors with over 15,000 attendees. This was the first time the WAA had a presence at this tradeshow and the plan is to continue attending with the mission of convincing businesses to set up maintenance activities here at the Wichita Airport.

Airline passenger traffic for March was up 5.5 percent, and YTD a little over 1 percent. The enplanements were up over 7 percent.

The Airport has started some extra promotional activities for our real estate and properties. The Airport' website now has the developmental opportunities tab in a more prominent location. By using the Real Estate service Loopnet, WAA is able to put some of the available properties on the website with pictures and basic information regarding the location. A video showing the real estate opportunities available at the both airports was displayed. Future changes to the website will have a link to a micro website that will be devoted to promoting Airport System properties with separate URL's, such as Wichitaairportproperties.com and Wichitaairportrealestate.com, so as to bring in the most traffic. The new website will be linked off the City's website and the Greater Wichita Partnership website.

Project Updates – John Oswald

Mr. Oswald displayed a PowerPoint presentation entitled Airport Construction Projects which showed pictures of the newly completed hangar at Hangar Dynamix, the almost completed Leasecorp Hangar, and the TSA buildout on the second floor of the Terminal. In a few weeks a General Aviation (GA) Apron Study will begin looking at the needs, wants, pricing, phasing, and geometric and safety improvements of the GA Apron with the study lasting for the rest of the year. A study project will also begin next month looking at two of the Airport's runways regarding some necessary improvements. That study will last around five months.

Other Business

Motion by Fletcher, second by Greenlee, that the Wichita Airport Advisory Board recess into executive session for consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to legal advice regarding pending litigation, and that the Board return from executive session no earlier than 3:30 p.m., and reconvene in this Board room. Motion carried unanimously.

The Airport Advisory Board recessed for Executive Session at 3:20 p.m.

The Airport Advisory Board reconvened at 4:10 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:11 p.m. by Mr. Hennessy, 2nd by Mr. Ryan.

Leah Gisick, Clerk