

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

**Monday, December 7, 2015**

Present: David Eslinger, Joseph Ellzey, Charles Fletcher, Dwight Greenlee, Rich Kerschen, John Hennessy, Carl Koster, Ron Ryan, Bill Ward, Brent Wooten

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

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney  
Janice Edwards, Deputy City Clerk

Guests: Lonny Wright  
Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak. The Deputy City Clerk, Janice Edwards, was present to swear in as Board Members, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Rich Kerschen, Carl Koster, Ron Ryan, and Charles Fletcher. At 2:36 Janice Edwards left.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Mr. Fletcher and second by Mr. Greenlee, to approve the minutes of the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Director's Report – Victor White**

Mr. White introduced Brad Christopher who stated that an Airport Winter Weather Informational Forum has been scheduled for 9A.M. Monday, December 14th in the Training Conference Room at the Eisenhower National Airport's Police & Fire Building. This forum is specifically for local media outlets to learn about the airport's snow and ice control responsibilities and procedures and the airlines' deicing responsibilities in order to improve the accuracy of reporting during winter weather events.

Christmas music is being performed live in the Terminal by different musical groups from various local schools. The Airport is having their annual Christmas Donation Drive for Youthville.

Construction begins tonight on The Kids Play Area, across from Gate 1, in the new Terminal. Construction will take place at night for the next three to four nights. The play area will have a jungle theme and is partially sponsored by Tanganyika Wildlife Park which will make a \$10,000 contribution towards the \$85,000 cost of constructing the play area.

The Double Tree Hotel sale was closed last week and the Greenwood Group will be the new operators of the hotel. Michael Phipps, the hotel's 30+ year general manager, retired last week.

Demolition of the FlightSafety International Facility, damaged in last year's plane crash, is pretty much complete, with only the foundation, basement, and parking lots remaining at this point. Flight Safety is paying for the demolition, and the ground will be returned to a green field site so it can be leased out for future development.

A Request for Proposals should go out this week for an advertising/marketing firm to replace Sullivan, Higdon, and Sink as their contract runs out in January. Copp Media's contract will be extended.

There was an incident at Jabara last week in which the landing gear collapsed on a Beechcraft Travel Air, but there were no injuries and no damage to Airport property.

Construction of the Hampton Inn is progressing well, and completion is planned for the middle of 2016.

### **Project Updates – John Oswald**

Mr. Oswald shared a Power Point Presentation showing pictures of the demolition of the old terminal, and also the demolition of the FlightSafety building.

### **Other Business**

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, January 4th, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:05p.m.by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Koster

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Leah Gisick, Clerk