

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, July 9, 2018

Present: Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Jordan Leonard, Clerk

City Staff: Erik Houghton, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle
Mark Williams, Garver

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. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

At the April 2nd meeting a presentation was shown on the service that Aira provides for the blind or visually impaired. Aira provides video-equipped smart glasses to help assist blind customers. This company also provides a smartphone app and a one-click button to a network of trained professional agents. The professionally trained agent's help customers engage, explore, and experience the world in a different and beneficial way. Customers can get help visually, without needing a sighted person nearby. Envision has provided the first sponsorship contribution of \$5,000 for the service of 2,500 minutes for customers. There will be a press conference to formally announce the availability of the service in late August.

This morning several meetings took place with the Airport tenants and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to discuss the General Aviation Apron project. Next month the consultant for the project will present a presentation on the details of the project.

Pre-bookings for Frontier Airlines have had a great response. Non-stop flights to Denver with Frontier Airlines begins August 30th with an inaugural event at the gate with the first departure.

The Service Area Relief Area (SARA) has officially been opened at the Airport. A family restroom that is near Gate 1 inside the terminal was converted into the SARA.

Congress has passed a law for the FAA that provides a billion dollars for Airport certain capital project developments. The Airport will apply for projects in 2019 and 2020 to try and receive funding from these grants.

Project Updates

John Oswald presented a PowerPoint Presentation showing the progress of the new B-29 Doc Hangar and Education Center. The siding to the building has started going up now that the structure is close to being finished.

The General Aviation Apron project consultant, Garver, will be showing a presentation on the project at August's meeting. Garver developed two funding scenarios. The aggressive funding scenario would use the Airport's regular entitlement fund that are available annually, along with a couple discretionary funds from the FAA. This would be four projects to complete four years in a row. First project would begin in the fiscal year 2020 and with being aggressive could complete projects four years in a row. The other funding scenario is a seven phase project. This is using the regular entitlement funding only. This scenario could take until 2035 to finish. If the funding is available through the FAA, the more aggressive scenario would be the way to go.

Other Business.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, August 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:34 p.m. by Mr. Fletcher, 2nd by Mr. Eslinger.

Jordan Leonard, Clerk